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DAILY GAZETTE.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The probabilities for to-day are a falling barometer, warmer, southwest winds, and clear weather.

—The Board of Pardons seems to have its hands full.

—The Minister of the Interior of France is seriously indisposed.

—The investigation yesterday developed some "mighty interesting reading."

—The Serapis, with the Prince of Wales and suite, on board, has arrived at Malta.

—Bishop Jno. Johns, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, died Wednesday night.

—By a vote of 42 to 15, the New Jersey House has defeated the bill to tax church and educational property.

—The House at Harrisburg again yesterday brought itself down to a slight consideration of the appropriation bill.

—Governor Tilden has granted a respite of one week to Dolan, as the time fixed for his execution occurs on Good Friday.

—Five thousand workmen in coal mines of North Derbyshire have struck in consequence of a proposed reduction of wages.

—A Pittsburgh iron merchant had something to say on the tariff bill before the Committee on Ways and Means, yesterday.

—In the House of Commons yesterday the increase of a penny on the pound in the income tax was agreed to by a vote of 113 yeas, 52 nays.

—Secretary Bristow arrived at his home yesterday and will remain in Louisville a few days to rest and meet his many friends in that section.

—The de Lean Hotel, a noted summer resort at Sewell's Point, Hampton Roads, was burned last night. Loss $50,000; insurance $15,000.

—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Hoffman Atkinson as Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg, vice Gratiot Washburne, resigned.

—Of six talismen summoned to complete the Grand Jury in the crooked whisky cases at New Orleans yesterday, only two could take the iron clad oath.

—Jacob Young, a wealthy farmer, was murdered in a house at Harmony, N. J., yesterday. There is no trace to the murderer.

—A Berlin dispatch to the London Times reports that Servia has declined to answer the inquiry from the Porte why the Servian army is being formed into six corps of operation.

—L. D. Stanford, of Erie, a young man was found dead in bed yesterday morning shot through the head. He had been low-spirited for some time, but the suicide was without cause so far as known.

—George Housen and sister, of Tuscarawa, Pa., were bound, gagged and beaten so severely, by burglars, on Wednesday night, that the latter has died. The house was robbed of some money and jewelry.

—The monotony of affairs at Harrisburg has been broken by some first-class excitement over charges of attempted bribery. Such are made with such frequency that it must be awkward for those who were engaged in the business.

—Pisinger and Leavens, of Milan, Ill., were put on trial yesterday at Chicago as "crooked whisky" dealers. The evidence showed that they had been shipping whisky to different points without entering the amount on the railroad books.

—The Louisville Gas Company offered to furnish gas to the postoffice free of charge, but the postmaster refused to accept the offer—though it was made in good faith—as he considered he could not do it under the law passed by Congress last year.

—The order issued from the War Department on Wednesday, transferring army headquarters from St. Louis to Washington, has been amended so as to direct the Adjutant General and the Inspector General to report to the General of the Army.

—A Berlin dispatch says Russian papers assert that the so-called definitive removal of difficulties between Spain and the United States concerning Cuba is especially due to the good services rendered by the Russian cabinet in the interest of Spanish policy.

—Gen. Schenck seems to be anxious to face the music squarely. He was emphatic yesterday in exploding some theories that he had been "taken in," &c., by stating that he was neither "a dupe nor a rascal," but honestly put his money into the enterprise.

—The Republicans of Chicago last night resolved to hold a grand Union mass meeting in the Exposition building next Tuesday evening, and to nominate an independent candidate for Mayor, to replace acting Mayor Colvin, whose term has expired but who claims to hold over until 1877.

—The owners of the Strathmore, the British emigrant ship which was lost in the South Pacific, have decided to suitably acknowledge the humane and generous conduct of the captain of the American whaler who rescued and treated with great kindness the surving passengers and crew.

—Some of the most extensive coal operators of Cleveland are preparing to resume work at their mines in Tuscarawas Valley filling the places of strikers with green men. Guards are being hired and sent to the mines to protect the workingmen as trouble is anticipated with the strikers.

—Gustave Cleaver alias Myers, who has been arrested in Liverpool on a charge of grossly assaulting his daughter, has confessed himself the murderer of John Minke, of Freehold, N. J., in November, 1864. The Secretary of State is in correspondence with the British Government on the subject.

—Clerical agitation in France is to be repressed. Although the Republic may suffer injustice at the hands of the priests it may be found that an attempt to repress will only increase them. American experience shows that the best way for the State to deal with religious questions is not to deal with them at all.

—The Brooklyn *Eagle* says of General John A. Dix: "A man who at eighty can turn his hand to the translation of a Latin poem, or who can turn out of bed at four o'clock in the morning to go duck shooting—holding his own with the boys, too—is a good deal of a man any way you take him." And that is so.

—From the Lowell district comes a tocsin sounding loud above the clatter of looms and the whirr of spindles. Aha! 'tis Ben Butler on the Congressional war path, with paint and feathers in profusion, and "Dove-Thompson (with a "p" engraved on his tomahawk. Ladies and children will please keep at a safe distance while the exhibition is in progress.

—A special to the political correspondence newspaper at Vienna, from Ragusa says: At a meeting of the Insurgent Chiefs at Suttorina yesterday, a Russian introduced himself as plenipotentiary from the Czar, and informed the leaders that the Czar seriously advised them to make peace, and accept the reforms agreed to by the Porte. They promised to consider the matter.

—About two hundred and fifteen persons assembled in Columbus, Ohio, yesterday in answer to a call for a greenback convention. Strong resolutions were adopted urging a repeal of the resumption act, and the issue of U. S. notes interchangable into U. S. interest bearing bonds, equivalent in value to gold. An executive committee was appointed for the purpose o forwarding the organization of greenback clubs on this basis throughout the State.

—In the U. S. Circuit Court at St. Louis yesterday morning Judge Dillon announced that he would decide the McKee, Maguire and Avery cases and all the railroad cases before him on Saturday when his court will adjourn. If the motion for a new trial in the McKee case and a motion for arrest of judgment in the Avery cases are overruled, they will receive sentence and Judge Treat, of the District Court, will probably pass sentence on McDonald and all distillers who have pleaded guilty in his court, some time next week.

—There is some expectation that the European Powers (Germany, England, Russia and France) which endorsed the political round robin composed by Count Andrassy, head of the Austrian Ministry, and communicated to the Sultan as an advice to govern Turkey properly, are about interfering, *ex et armis*, in the matter of the Herzegovinian revolt. The plea, as usual, will be that "the balance of Europe" must be preserved by sustaining Turkish misrule at any cost. The Great Powers do not appear to have thought whether it is worth while to preserve the Turkish Empire. Tyranny, wasteful extravagance, misrule, and immorality have long been its characteristics. To these are now added insolvency.

—The Springfield *Republican* of yesterday says that, in settling the affairs of Patrick Donahue, proprietor of the *Boston Pilot*, a Catholic newspaper, who recently went into bankruptcy, facts of a most disgraceful character came to light. It seems that for many years Donahue has been in the habit of recieving funds from persons who wished to place them in safe hands. He had the unlimited confidence of the public, and especially of the Irish Catholics, who regarded him as one of their best friends. During the past few years he received thousands of dollars from this class of people. Donahue, as President of the Emigrant Savings Bank, also suggested to the ignorant depositors that he would receive their money the same as the bank did, would invest it for them and pay them 7 per cent. interest. In this way thousands of dollars were taken. It is found that the funds confided to his care and the money received on deposit have been put into his business and lost. The suffering which will follow this breach of trust cannot fail to be very great.

FIRST EDITION.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Iron Trade and Tariff.

Testimony of a Pittsburgher Before the Ways and Means Committee.

THE EXPERIENCES OF A TEXAS POST TRADER.

Proposed Coinage of a New Silver Dollar.

What the Attorney General Knows About Detective Bell.

WASHINGTON, April 6, 1876.

The Iron Trade and Tariff.

Mr. Wm. Metcalf, of the firm of Miller, Metcalf & Parkin, testified before the Committee on Ways and Means, who have under consideration the Morrison tariff bill, as follows:

It is well known, and freely admitted, that we produce the best pig iron in the world, and also the best wrought iron for all ordinary purposes. We also make as good steel, and of as uniform quality, as any produced in England. Our American irons are better than nine-tenths of the product of the Swedish mills. In our finest grades of steel we use a per centage of extra fine Swedish iron, after subjecting it to satisfactory tests. All other grades of steel are made from American iron. Having learned from experience that the basis of all success in producing fine irons consisted in the use of good ores in proper proportions, I visited Sweden, examined their ores and methods of reducing them, and satisfied myself of what we had previously supposed, that the high character of Swedish iron was dependent entirely upon the careful selection and manipulation of good ores. Having made exhaustive examinations of the ores of Lake Champlain, Lake Superior, and Missouri, we turned our attention to those of Georgia, North Carolina and other Southern States, and tested them by melting in a crucible and working directly into steel. From these ores we obtained a fine grade of steel.

These southern ores are giving such good results as to justify the belief that in a few years we shall be entirely independent of foreign iron. In order to develop these ores without being compelled to compete with the pauper labor of Sweden, it is desirable that the duties on iron should not be interfered with. It is my intention to visit the South and familiarize myself with the ores of that country, and endeavor to encourage the development with the view to the production of fine iron.

Post Tradership.

The Committee on War Expenditures today examined Jas. Trainer, post trader at Ft. Concho, Texas. He testified that he was sutler from 1867, when the post was established, and up to 1870. When the Secretary of War was vested with authority to appoint he came to Washington and recommendations for his continuance at the post, and saw the Secretary of War, who told him to go and see General Hedrick. He saw Hedrick, and the result was that although Hedrick was appointed to the post, witness did the business as post trader. He paid A. C. Leighton, who went to Ft. Concho with a letter of authority, counterssigned by General Belknap, fifteen hundred dollars in greenbacks, and afterwards paid to Hedrick one thousand dollars through a mail contractor named Cheney, by a draft on Northrup & Chick, bankers, New York. The agreement between witness and Leighton was that he was to pay $15,000 cash and $5,000 a year if the post paid. He also paid a draft for $1,000 drawn by Sawyer, a mail contractor, now dead, and does not know for whom it was intended. Sawyer asked for it, and he paid it without asking a question. He also paid some seven or eight hundred dollars to General W. T. Clark, a member of Congress from Texas. This was paid at three different times, the first payment being in currency at the St. Nicholas Hotel, New York, and the other two by drafts. He always regarded these payments as charity. Clark said he was hard up, and asked the money as a loan. Witness did not expect to get it back, nor had he got it back. Witness said he paid two hundred and fifty dollars in currency in the bar room of the Metropolitan Hotel to Simon Wolf, Recorder of Deeds at Washington. Wolf was to have two thousand dollars if he got him the post, but failed. He had seen Wolf since his return. He had also paid a $350 assessment for political purposes. He was also postmaster at the time at a salary of fifteen dollars a year.

The witness created great amusement in the committee room by his peculiar movements, manner of speech and witty remarks. He said that when he paid the ten thousand dollars to Hedrick he told Cheney and Leighton he did not intend to pay any more.

J. Freedlander, post trader at Fort Stockton, and Geo. Bowers, post trader at Fort Whipple, Arizona, were examined. Neither had paid money, directly or indirectly, to any one for their appointment or continuance in office.

What the Attorney General Knows About Detective Bell.

Attorney General Pierrepont testified before the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department that about the middle of December last a man named C. S. Bell sent in his personal card to his office, and subsequently called with a card from the President. This card is lost, mislaid or was thrown into the waste paper basket. It read something like this: "The bearer wishes to get employment. I think he might render valuable service." Bell then said he wanted employment in the Secret Service, at high wages were given in that service. Bell seemed to talk in a commanding way. Witness told him he would see the President first. The next day in the Cabinet meeting he asked the President if he knew anything about the man. The President answered that he had either known or heard of him during the war as a scout or detective, and that he now wanted an appointment in the Secret Service. Bell called the next day and asked if he was to be employed. Witness questioned him as to what services he had done heretofore. He answered that he had been employed by the District Attorney at St. Louis because of extraordinary means he had of getting at some papers in possession of Joyce. He said he left St. Louis because Dyer had not the means to pay. He said that as soon as Dyer would write or telegraph that he wanted to employ him witness would act promptly in making an appointment and preparing instructions. Bell came in the next day or the day after, and showed a dispatch he had sent to Dyer, to the effect that if Dyer would employ him the Attorney General would sanction it. There was an interval of a few days, during which time Bell did not call, but in the meantime witness had talked with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General, and found that his record in those departments was very bad. He never knew Bell's existence before he first presented his card, and has never seen him since. He refused to give him an appointment. Neither Babcock nor Luckey had spoken to him about Bell. Witness said that the interview spoken of in his testimony was entirely imaginary, and denied every part of Bell's evidence referring to him where it conflicted with his statement.

A. C. Bradley, counsel for Babcock in the late trial, testified that he asked Bell to procure all the information he could as to the nature of the evidence against Babcock before the trial. Babcock never authorized him to do anything which was illegal or improper.

Levi P. Luckey testified that he was not sent to St. Louis by the President nor in the interest of Babcock. In St. Louis he met Bell, who told him of a great conspiracy against Babcock and Grant by Bristow, Dyer, Henderson and others, and of their hope to break down Grant's administration for political effect.

Gen. Babcock testified that he had first seen Bell at the headquarters of the army or the Executive Mansion, where he was recommended as a scout. He next heard of him when Luckey returned from St. Louis, but did not see him till he got back from Chicago, on December 24.

Gen. Babcock denied that he had ever told Bell that he (Babcock) was guilty.

The Emma Mine.

Mr. Phelps, of the counsel for General Schenck, presented to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to-day a list of witnesses he desired summoned. Mr. Hamilton suggested that no further testimony be taken concerning the history of the Emma Mine.

General Schenck invited the most searching investigation, and that the committee should cover the whole ground, showing all the facts connected with the history, progress, ownership and sale of the mine, the testimony against him being contradictory in various points, but implicating him in alleged fraudulent transactions.

Mr. Springer, of the committee, asked General Schenck if the committee should say he honestly and in good faith acquired an interest in the mine, irrespective of any fraud that might have been committed by the others; whether he would still desire a fuller investigation for the sake of others. General Schenck replied that he desired such investigation for others as well as himself. The ground he took was this, that he was neither a dupe nor a rascal. He knew he was neither, but he invested his money in the mine with a view of bettering his condition. He made his investment with his eyes open. He wished to show not only this, but that the mine is still an enormously valuable property, and the failure was owing to the mismanagement of the company in England. He did not want to appear as a simple booby, taken in by others, and therefore desired to have the value of the mine fully established. Not one particle of the testimony of Lyon would be received in a court of justice, that witness having indulged in inuendo and reports and inferences.

After conversation between the members of the committee involving Hamilton's suggestion, the committee held a session with closed doors, and adjourned till to-morrow without coming to a conclusion as to whether they would admit the testimony proposed by General Schenck.

A New Silver Dollar.

The House bill to provide for the deficiency in the Printing Bureau and for the issue of silver coin in place of the fractional currency is amended by the Senate Finance Committee by striking out the third section, and providing in lieu of it that there shall be coined a new silver dollar of four and one-half and eight-tenths grains of standard silver, and that this new coin shall be a legal tender to the amount of twenty dollars in any one payment, except for customs and for interest on the public debt. These coins may be exchanged by the Treasury for an equal amount of United States notes to be thereby retired. The Department may also exchange these coins at their nominal value for silver bullion at its market value as fixed by the Director of the Mint, and United States notes and fractional currency redeemed under this act are to be held as part of the sinking fund provided for by the existing law. Another amendment provides that the trade dollar shall not hereafter be a legal tender for any amount whatever.

A purely verbal amendment is made in the second section, which requires the Secretary of the Treasury to issue silver coin of the denominations of 10, 25 and 50 cents of standard value in redemption of the full amount of outstanding fractional currency as rapidly as it may be presented for redemption.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee (Senator Sherman) states that the silver dollar, the coinage for which is thus provided for, will be of the same weight and fineness as the old silver dollar, the coinage of which was stopped a number of years ago, and that its value will be about six per cent. more than the value of two of the present half dollars.

Civil Service Investigation.

The Committee on Civil Service continued the investigation into the charges against Furman, J. D. Oliver, of Tallahassee, formerly editor of a paper there, testified to an offer by Dr. Simkins of three hundred dollars to Furman if he would appoint a son of Simkins to a cadetship. He said Furman showed him a letter containing an offer from Simkins, and said he thought he should accept it, although he knew he could do better.

Geo. P. Fowler, local agent of the Post-office Department at Cedar Keys, testified that Blumenthal, collector at Cedar Keys, was constantly sending packages of money to Furman, which passed through the hands of witness. On one occasion witness said laughingly: "It costs something to get into office in Florida." Blumenthal replied: "Yes, it costs me about all I take in."

The Morrison Tariff Bill.

The Committee on Ways and Means to-day made the following amendment to the Morrison tariff bill: Gold pens to pay a duty of thirty-five per cent. *ad valorem*. To the clause that no allowance shall be made for loose leaf tobacco, wastage and tare on which a specific duty has been levied, have been added the words "unless such decay exceeds fifty per cent. on the value of said fruit." Linseed oil has been placed at twenty-five cents per gallon. The committee have not yet acted on tea and coffee.

The Spencer Election Case.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate on the Spencer case concluded to-day not to issue subpœnas for three colored men named by the counsel for the prosecution, on the ground that the testimony was irrelevant and inadmissable. The prosecution then closed, and Alexander White, of Alabama, was called to the stand for Spencer. He testified that he knew of no corrupt means being used to procure Spencer's election.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(FIRST SESSION.)

WASHINGTON, April 6, 1876.

SENATE.

An Error Corrected.

Mr. THURMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported with amendments the House bill to correct an error in the Revised Statutes in regard to warrants of arrest in extradition cases. The amendments were agreed to and the bill passed.

Bills Introduced.

Mr. WRIGHT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported adversely on the Senate bill to abolish capital punishment, and it was indefinitely postponed.

Bills Introduced.

By Mr. BOUTWELL, making an appropriation to defray the expenses of the committee appointed by the Senate to investigate the recent elections in Mississippi. Referred.

By Mr. SARGENT, to amend the act of Congress creating a Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, approved June 23d, 1874. Referred.

The Silver Coin Bill.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably on the House bill to provide for the deficiency in the Engraving and Printing Bureau of the Treasury Department, and gave notice that he would call it up for consideration on Monday next. Placed on the calendar.

Third Class Mail Matter.

After the expiration of the morning hour consideration of the bill fixing the rate of postage on third class mail matter was resumed, and Mr. HARVEY offered a substitute for the bill, allowing four pound packages in the mails at the rates of postage of one cent for each two ounces. He addressed the Senate in favor of his substitute.

Mr. MERRIMON submitted an amendment to strike out the first section of the following clause, inserted after the article as constituting third class mail matter: "And all other matter which may be declared mailable by law, and all other articles not above the weight prescribed by law, which are not from their form or nature liable to destroy, deface or otherwise injure the contents of the mail bags or person of any one engaged in the postal service."

He then submitted another amendment, providing for a fourth class of mail matter for articles not enumerated in the first, second or third classes, to be transmitted one thousand miles or less at — cents for each ounce or fractional part thereof, and for all distances over one thousand miles — for — cents each ounce or fractional part thereof.

It was ordered that both amendments be printed.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.

The President's Salary.

Mr. HOLMAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported back the Senate bill fixing the President's salary after the 4th of March, 1877, at twenty five thousand dollars. Passed without discussion.

The Rate of Interest.

The question was then taken on the motion made yesterday, by Mr. Holman, to refer to the Committee of the Whole the bill reported adversely from the Committee on Banking and Currency, to regulate the rate of interest throughout the country on national money (greenbacks, national bank notes, &c.,) and to make it six per cent. The motion was rejected—yeas 75, nays 135, and then the bill was laid on the table.

Legislative Appropriation.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Cox in the chair) on the Legislative Appropriation bill, and at 4:30 took a recess till 7:30, the evening session to be for the same business.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session opened with an attack on the Committee on Appropriations, carried on by Messrs. Joyce, Dunnell, Townsend (Pa.) and Williams (Wis.), which attack was repelled on the part of the committee by Messrs. Randall, Whitehouse and Willard. An amendment offered to insert an item for a stenographer for the Comptroller of the Currency was, after half an hour's debate, rejected by a strict party vote.

A DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.

Terrible Accident at a Varnish Works—Three Persons Injured—A Woman Frightfully Roasted.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 6.—Shortly before one o'clock this afternoon a terrible explosion took place in the factory room of J. O. D. Lilly & Son's Varnish Works, resulting in a loss by fire of $1,000, besides burning J. O. D. Lilly, one of his helpers, a colored man named Granville Carter, and a cousin of the last named, Miss Mary Lontre, who had just entered the building. The explosion occurred while the helper, Carter, was adding turpentine to the boiling kettle of varnish, and was occasioned by an over-generation of gas. The woman's clothing was set on fire, and before assistance arrived the lower portion of her body was literally roasted and the skin burned from her arms, shoulders and face. The injury to the others is not serious.

The Rhode Island Election.

PROVIDENCE, April 6.—Full returns of yesterday's election for Governor give Lippitt, Republican, 8,357; Howard, Prohibition, 6,385; Beach, Democrat, 3,602.

SECOND EDITION

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Legislative Proceedings.

Appropriations for Dixmont and the Western Penitentiary.

The General Appropriation Bill Passed Second Reading in the House.

THE STAY LAW TO BE AGAIN CONSIDERED.

The Boom Bill Investigation.

Fifty Members Examined.

Alleged Attempted Bribery by Herdic.

Great Excitement in Legislative Circles.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, April 6, 1876.

SENATE.

Bills Passed.

The following House bills passed the Senate:

A supplement to an act entitled "An act designating the several classes of contested elections in this Commonwealth, and providing for the trial thereof," approved May 19, A. D. 1874, providing for the payment of the costs in contested elections of President or additional law judges, Senators and members of the House of Representatives, and of county, borough, township, or municipal officers when the court decides the complaint is not without probable cause.

An act to repeal so much of the act approved the 16th day of April, A. D. 1870, entitled "An act providing for the manner in which county bridges shall be built by the county of Luzerne, as relates to the manner of building county bridges across streams between Luzerne county and any other county.

An act to carry into effect section five of article fourteenth of the Constitution, relative to the salaries of county officers and the payment of fees received by them into the State or county treasury in counties containing over one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants.

An act to provide for the payment of canvas, transportation and ground for the purposes of the Centennial exhibition to be held in National Guard, was spiritedly discussed and passed.

To fix the amount of bail to be given by the Sheriffs of the several counties of this Commonwealth.

Empowering the Councils of boroughs of this Commonwealth to prescribe by ordinance the salary to be paid out of the borough treasury to the burgess respectively in lieu of all fees, fines and costs, the manner in which salaries shall be paid, and directing all fees, fines and costs to be paid into the borough treasury.

To provide for a proper representation of the mineral resources of Pennsylvania at the Centennial Exhibition.

The Governor sent in the following appointments: Notaries Public—A. A. Jackson and James S. Todd, at Pittsburgh; A. S. Breckenridge, at Meadville, and Nelson P. Boyden, at Sharon.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

The House met this morning at ten o'clock, with prayer by the Chaplain.

Bills on Second Reading.

The morning hour was spent considering bills on second reading. Among those passed were the following, called up by Mr. GRAHAM:

An act making appropriations for the salaries of officers and employes, and for the improvement of the grounds and buildings of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane at Dixmont, Pa.

Making appropriations for the salaries of the officers and for repairs to the Western Penitentiary, and for books and stationery for prisoners.

Postponed.

An act to regulate the sale of refined petroleum used for burning or illuminating purposes in this Commonwealth, was indefinitely postponed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House re-assembled at 3 o'clock.

An act to repeal an act to extend the provisions of an act to prohibit the issuing of licenses in Armstrong, Potter, Indiana and Perry counties to the boroughs of West Newton and Mount Pleasant, in the county of Westmoreland, so far as relates to the borough of Mt. Pleasant, passed second reading.

General Appropriation Bill.

The House then, in Committee of the Whole, resumed consideration of the General Appropriation bill on second reading. The question was on the adoption of section 10, appropriating $50,000 for the expenses of the Legislature.

Mr. REIGHARD moved to amend by substituting that the State Treasurer be directed to pay the necessary expenses of the Legislature, &c., without expressing any specific sum. Agreed to.

Mr. REIGHARD moved further to amend by adding a provision that the State Treasurer be directed to pay the necessary expenses of the Legislative Committee to investigate the affairs of the Reading Railroad Company, the State Treasury, the Reform School at Morganza, and the House of Refuge at Philadelphia.

Messrs. LEIGH and GEHR opposed the amendment on constitutional grounds, which prohibit members from receiving any other compensation than that allowed as mileage.

Mr. MITCHELL opposed the payment of the Committee to Investigate the State Treasury on a lengthy speech, and cited numerous authorities in support of his position.

Mr. HALL offered the following amendment, which was agreed to:

"Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be held to give any compensation whatsoever to any member of the firm of expenses as herein mentioned shall be held to include only such items of expenditure as shall be proven by vouchers, duly certified to the satisfaction of the Auditor General and State Treasurer."

On the question of striking out the payment of the expenses of all committees the vote was yeas 31, nays 107. Disagreed to.

The bill as amended then passed second reading.

The Stay Law.

The friends of the stay law, after caucusing, moved a re-consideration of the vote by which it was yesterday defeated, and it comes up again on final passage next week.

Mr. ZERN moved to reconsider, Mr. IRWIN and Speaker PATTERSON voting with him.

Coal Oil.

A supplementary act to provide for the better security of life and property from damages by coal oil and petroleum was indefinitely postponed.

Passed Second Reading.

The act conferring additional powers upon the several boroughs of the Commonwealth passed second reading.

The Boom Bill.

Mr. PLUMMER offered the following: "That in order to facilitate the business of the House and aid the committee appointed to inquire whether there has been any misconduct on the part of any member of the House in violation of sections 29 and 30 of article 3 of the constitution, in connection with the Boom bill, any person having any charge to prefer against any member of the House or officer of the House in connection with said inquiry, shall do so in writing, over his own signature, on or before Monday next, to the Speaker, which charge shall be laid before the House and referred to said committee, and if no charge be so preferred on or before Monday next, the committee to be discharged from further consideration of the subject."

Mr. HUBS offered the following:

WHEREAS, A committee of investigation on the passage of House Bill No. 196, has been appointed to tally from those members who voted in favor of the passage of the bill.

WHEREAS, In order that there shall be a fair and full investigation of the means employed to pass said bill, said committee should be composed of members in part of those who voted against the passage of the same; therefore,

Resolved, That the number of said committee be increased to nine members, the additional members to be appointed from those who voted against the passage of said bill.

The House refused to suspend the rules to consider the resolutions, and they lay over one day.

Adjourned.

Military Display at the Centennial.

An act appropriating $55,000 to defray the expenses of the military who attend the Centennial passed finally, and goes to the Governor for his signature.

The Boom Bill Investigation.

The committee appointed by the House to investigate the members of the House in regard to improper means used to secure the passage of the Boom bill held a session this evening, when some fifty members were examined under oath. Nothing important was elicited till Mr. Backus took the stand, and stated that Herdic, at the Keystone Hotel, asked him if any members were going to vote conscientiously against his bill, and if so he could convince them in ten minutes that he (Herdic) was right. He also wished to know any members who could be influenced by money.

Mr. Wise, of Greene county, swore that he was approached in a mysterious way in his seat in the House, and told that Herdic wished to see him. He stated that he spurned the offer promptly, and stated then that he thought any member should be shot who would sell out his constituency. The party who approached him marked the amount on a book which he could get if he would vote against the Boom bill. When asked who the member was who approached him he promptly answered "Thornton, of Allegheny."

Mr. Buck, of Cambria county, was examined, and stated that he had been improperly approached in Bolton's Hotel, about two weeks ago, by a person who stated that the Boom bill was an unjust bill, and that there was money in it if he would vote against it, that he would receive four hundred dollars if he would vote against it, and two hundred if he dodged. When asked who had approached him, he answered "Thornton."

Mr. Wanner was also approached and offered four hundred dollars if he would vote against the bill, and two hundred if he would dodge. He stated that he was approached by Gentner, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Conrad, of Berks county—I was approached by a member. I told him I was in favor of the bill. He told me there was some money in voting against the bill. He said two hundred dollars in hand and two hundred additional if the bill should be defeated. He stated that the person who approached him was Senator Boyer, of Clearfield.

There is much talk and excitement here over the affair, and any member who shall be proven guilty will no doubt be promptly expelled. The committee sits again to-morrow, when further exposures will follow and some rich and racy developments may be looked for. K.

BOARD OF PARDONS.

Over Sixty Applications for Liberty Considered.

The Names of Those Recommended for Pardon.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, April 6, 1876.

The Board of Pardons has been sitting since Tuesday morning, having three sessions a day. Over sixty applications were heard and considered. The following were recommended for pardon, viz.: Geo. Maguire, of Philadelphia, larceny; Joseph F. Feichter, Philadelphia, burglary; John Younker, Allegheny county, receiving stolen goods; Robert E. Tyler, Franklin, shooting with intent to kill; D. L. Hill, Armstrong, larceny; Benj. F. Kelly, Blair, assault; Andrew Young, Allegheny, unlawfully cutting Lorenz Walker; Samuel Rhoades, Blair, larceny; William H. Cluley, Allegheny, forgery; Thomas J. Quinn, Lancaster, larceny; Eugene Cook, Crawford, assault.

The following were refused, viz.: Edward Monoghan, Schuylkill, assault; Winfield Maxwell, Allegheny, larceny and robbery; James H. Haney, Allegheny, burglary; Neal Briceland, Allegheny, larceny; Frank Richmond, Allegheny, larceny; James B. Zahn, Cambria, larceny; Wilmer A. Davis, Allegheny, attempt to break jail; David Soulsley, Berks, murder in the second degree; Noah Behannah, Washington, manslaughter; Andrew Walker, Huntingdon, perjury; Hugh Mara, Philadelphia, assault with intent to kill; Aaron Briggs, Wyoming, larceny; Chas. Thackaray, Philadelphia, larceny; Sebastian Searles, Union, larceny; Robert Bernard, Blair, larceny; Daniel Tallman, Warren, assault; Catharine Moore, Philadelphia, larceny; Wm. Hann, Union, larceny; Wm. Wayman, Allegheny, keeping a gambling house; Daniel Higgins, Schuylkill, burglary; John A. Anderson, Beaver, felonious assault; Joseph Trox, Lawrence, burglary; James Jennings, Centre, receiving stolen goods; Toner McAlister, Centre, receiving stolen goods; Philip Flanigan, Philadelphia, homicide; James Gumbo, Dauphin, false pretense; Lorenzo Ward, Allegheny, misdemeanor; David Hall, Allegheny, assault; John McJeil, Clinton, robbery; Jno. W. McWilliams, Allegheny, larceny; Jonathan Horack, Bucks, burglary; John Brennan, Schuylkill, assault and battery with intent to kill; Israel J. Barry, Allegheny, burglary; William McGraw, Crawford, horse stealing; John Madden, Allegheny, misdemeanor in unlawfully wounding; Martin Dougherty; Thomas Hickey, Centre, murder in the second degree; Samuel McClintock, Philadelphia, assault and battery and burglary; John O'Hara, Mercer, shooting and wounding with intent to murder; Edward L. Hughes, Philadelphia, larceny; Oliver W. Reid, Philadelphia, abortion.

The death sentence of Charles Laribee, of Venango county, who killed Lewis Williams on the 7th of November, 1873, was recommended to be commuted to imprisonment for life. The remaining applications were held under advisement. There will be no meeting of the board in May, as it adjourned to the first Tuesday in June.

C.

FOREIGN ADVICES.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Dana's Rejection.

LONDON, April 6.—The *Daily News* severely condemns the action of the United States Senate in rejecting the nomination of Dana.

The Disaster at Aberdeen.

The following particulars of the disaster yesterday on the River Dee at Aberdeen have been received: The day was a sacramental fast day set apart by the British Church for the preparation for Sunday communion. The people celebrate it as a holiday, and crowds were crossing from Aberdeen to Torry, a village on the opposite bank of the river, in ferry boats which were drawn across the River Dee by a wire rope. One boat, containing about sixty persons, despite the watchmen's warning, was pulled by the passengers into the middle of the stream, where it was swamped. The scene during the night was distressing. Relatives and friends were watching on the banks or searching the river for bodies, but up to three o'clock this morning none had been recovered. Twenty-two persons, including men, women and girls, are known to be drowned. It is believed the total loss will not exceed thirty.

Proceedings of Parliament.

In the House of Commons this evening Mr. Jenkins gave notice that he would question the Government about an Ottawa telegram, published here, reporting that MacKenzie, Premier of the Dominion of Canada, had in the Canadian House, on the 4th inst., complained of the construction by the Government of the United States of the treaty of Washington, and said he will ask if it is true and what course England will adopt.

Bourke, Under Secretary for the Foreign Department, in reply to a question by Goldsmid, said it is true Spain claims arrears of war taxes from British and other foreign residents, notably Americans, while French, German and Belgian resident's were exempt. England had made a claim for the exemption of British residents, and correspondence on the subject was progressing. Spain's latest note promises that serious consideration would be given the matter. England had advised its subjects to pay the taxes under protest.

Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to a question of Gourley, said the Government had no intention to initiate financial measures in Egypt, and had received no proposals from the Khedive regarding the execution of Cave's recommendations.

TURKEY.

Insurgents Tired of Fighting.

VIENNA, April 6.—The *Tagblatt's* special from Suttorina announces that ninety influential insurgents, including the highest religious dignitaries and some powerful military leaders, have arrived to confer about the pacification of the insurrectionary provinces, but Poko Paulovic, the insurgent commander-in-chief, refused to come.

A New Outbreak in Bosnia.

Advices from Bosnia assert that the insurrection which broke out in the Bipasic District is in full headway between the Driana and North Bosnian frontier, and all places between Mogdane, Paljage and Protawsie have risen. A deputation of insurgents have gone to Belgrade.

The Colored Mens' Convention.

NASHVILLE, Tenn, April 6.—The National Colored Mens' Convention was in session over six hours to-day, the galleries and lobbies being packed. The committee on resolutions not yet being able to agree, the proceedings were postponed, except two speeches from Pinchback, and Smith of Alabama. Pinchback's speech had a strong flavor of independence. He said that the colored people were beginning to think for themselves, and would never again vote the Republican ticket in solid column. The South could never prosper while party lines were race lines. He wanted no more color line politics.

C. S. Smith followed Pinchback, making a powerful speech in favor of a new departure. He advised that the blacks no longer remain in the Republican party, but make terms with their white Southern friends. His speech made a profound impression, and was received with great applause by whites and blacks. There is a strong element in the Convention in favor of this departure, and caucusing is very hot.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VERY LOW PRICES
AT THE WHOLESALE
BOOT AND SHOE HOUSE
OF
GILL & BROS.
253 LIBERTY STREET,
TO WHICH WE INVITE THE ATTENTION OF THE TRADE.

With the opening of another season we announce the receipt of a complete assortment of Spring Goods, WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S, MEN'S, BOYS' AND YOUTH'S BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS.

CONGRESS GAITERS, ALEXIS, OXFORD AND JERSEY TIES, AND FINE CALF BOOTS.

MINERS NAILED SHOES, very low figures.

Also, a large stock of CITY MADE GOODS, Goat, Morocco and Lasting.

BOTTOM PRICES. Orders promptly attended to.

GAS ONCE AGAIN.

Why the Supply was Resumed.

The gas was again turned on in the post-office yesterday afternoon, and the felicity of the clerks increased and brightened with the cheerful glow of the burners. It is said that the Consolidated Gas Company offered to furnish the illuminating medium for nothing until such time as the Government made appropriation to pay for it, and that this fact, coming to the knowledge of the Pittsburgh Gas Company, caused it to resume the supply for fear that the night get cut off altogether from the emolument consequent upon lighting the Custom House building. An official of the Government informed the writer that the Pittsburgh Company could not get compensation for the gas it is now furnishing, because it would be directly contrary to the law under which Secretary Bristow acted when he ordered the discontinuance of light, fuel, water, &c. Therefore all the light supplied until an appropriation is made must be for nothing.

PERSONAL.

***Mr. Wm. McCreery, has bought twenty tons of machinery in this city, which he intends shipping to Black Hawk, Colorado, to use in crushing ore.

***Mr. John W. Pittock, of the *Leader*, left last night for the Pacific slope, where he proposes remaining for the period of months before returning and assuming his journalistic duties again. Mr. Pittock has two brothers residing in Oregon, one of whom he has not seen for twenty-two years.

An Alleged Assault.

Isaac Harrison hopes to have equal and exact justice dealt out to an enemy of his this afternoon. Isaac alleged that he left a barrel of ale at

DAILY GAZETTE.

OFFICE: GAZETTE BUILDING,
Corner Sixth Avenue and Smithfield St.

JOSIAN KING.....N. P. REED.....GEO. W. REED.

KING, REED & CO., EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1876.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp 31⅞f.

ROSIN at Frankfort, new 5s, 101½.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 112⅝.

THE English press do not take DANA's rejection kindly. They committed themselves in his favor quite promptly, and now are compelled to show disfavor in the interest of consistency.

IF the friends of General HOWE wish to have him for a Congressional candidate, there is just one thing to do,—stir about and set up delegates. Merely talking about it will accomplish nothing.

CITY CONTROLLER SNODGRASS explains that the check for $3,800 given him by Ross, was *for* certain bonds sold by Ross in behalf of contractors of South Side streets. This occurred before he was controller.

THE general programme of travel, marked out by the Emperor of Brazil, includes a visit to the coal and iron regions of this State. This will bring him to Pittsburgh, among other points, and it will be of great advantage to our manufacturers to give him a cordial reception. He completes his tour by the 12th of July, at which day he will sail for Europe.

AFTER all, KING and SCHUMAKER are virtuous gentlemen, in so far as the present Congress is concerned. The committee having charge of their cases, has concluded it has no jurisdiction, and so cannot investigate them. The fact that KING has announced his purpose to resign shortly, leads to just a trifle of suspicion that an arrangement may have been made.

MORRISON does not prove to be just as pliable as a leader, as his Democratic friends in Congress desire. He persists in bringing forward his tariff bill, in the interests of free trade, despite their protests. It is more than suspected that the bill was prepared in England, and sent over here, and this makes MORRISON's persistency in urging it forward, all the more peculiar. Still, a man must keep his engagements, whatever the result.

THE people of San Francisco are in a high state of excitement over the increasing immigration of Chinese, and are holding large and excited meetings, denunciatory of their coming, and of their cheap labor. It is probably disagreeable to have them in such large numbers in San Francisco, but the problem to outsiders is, why do not the people of California employ them in agricultural labor, at points near their cities, or in wheat raising in the fertile valleys of the State? Cheap labor ought to be welcome.

THE order has been issued restoring the army headquarters to Washington. The order contains the assurance that the mistreatment which has been hitherto put upon General SHERMAN is to be put aside, and he will hereafter be recognized, as he should have been, all along. BELKNAP's first step toward misfortune and ruin, consisted in his refusal to treat properly the General of the Army. His downfall has called clearly to the minds of Washington officials the necessity for consulting him, and of recognizing his official position. General SHERMAN undoubtedly should have his office at Washington, and have the direct command and control of the army.

THE New York *Herald* oracularly puts CONKLING in the foreground, as among the Presidential candidates, yet admits that the "dark horse may win,"—whatever that may mean. It is quite evident that the shuffling and trading has commenced, and the sharp work will be continued for the next two months. We fancy no set of delegates will go into convention assured of the outcome, so far as nominations are concerned. There is a good deal of forced talk just now from papers that have not served their apprenticeship, that our Pennsylvania delegation will be first, last and all the time, for HARTRANFT. This is merely an attempt to catch gudgeons. CONKLING or BLAINE is the coming man.

THE passage of the Boom bill, by the House at Harrisburg, is of more importance to the lumbermen, than any legislation had during the present session of the Legislature. The trouble remedied by this bill is the overcharge, said to be absolutely exorbitant, and terribly oppressive, on the lumber interest. Logs settled in boom are charged so much that the lumbermen have but little margin of profit. All this the law just enacted remedies. But attending the passage of this bill were a number of circumstances worthy of particular notice. The bill passed by barely the constitutional majority. Rumors have been current that large sums of money were used to prevent the passage of the bill. These assumed so definite a form that a committee has been appointed to investigate the reports, which are to the effect that $200 to $500 were paid for single votes. Another peculiar circumstance is that Messrs. ZERN, THORNTON and ANDREW LARGE from this county, were in the House a few minutes before the vote was taken on this bill, *but were absent when their names were called.* When an important public measure is acted upon, around which are rumors of bribery, such conduct requires explanation. We therefore call upon the above named gentlemen to explain the facts above given, so far as their apparent dodging is concerned.

THE Investigating Committee returned to its legitimate line of inquiry, and developed evidence that will have an important bearing on the inquiry. Fire Marshal LIVINGSTONE is a man of irreproachable character, and his statements are, therefore, reliable. What he says will be seen by reading his testimony. It implicates several gentlemen in questionable relations with GRIER, and refers to so-called forged notes, the whereabouts of which will need to be explained. It also points to certain gentlemen as being intimate with GRIER after he had gone to Canada. All these things are entering wedges, and it is evident that Mr. MCKELVEY will throw further light on the subject. The evidence thus elicited will require the presence of several gentlemen who are deeply interested in the affairs of the Nation Trust and of the Consolidated Gas Company. We have no doubt that we shall have more complete revelations very soon. The evidence of the Mayor, also, is quite significant. The check book of Mr. Ross contains very significant initials, which will require explanations from parties who are openly indicated by the Mayor's testimony. It begins to look as if we will yet get to the bottom of the Nation Trust and water bond business, whether GRIER returns or not.

DRIFT OF SENTIMENT.

The freight discrimination question occupies the mind of the business element in this city far more generally than any other subject that has been broached for a long time. It involves the life or death of our manufactures, unless times speedily improve. For this reason the memorials to Congress are being generally signed, and Mr. HOPKINS' bill will be supported more generally, by all classes of business men, than any bill that has been before Congress for a long time. Yet the desire of our people is not to fight the Pennsylvania railroad, but to so change its policy that in place of discriminating against points on its main line, it will give them the full benefit of the best rates it can afford. This was its general policy till 1858, when fast freight lines were taken off the main line, because the stockholders, having learned that such lines merely paid wheel tax, the road not receiving material benefit from them, demanded their removal. Since then, the policy has been to charge heavy freights, thus making dividends out of less business, while trade is diverted to roads on which fast freight lines are run. These fast lines are *said* to be in the interest of railroad officials. This will sufficiently answer the question sometimes asked by the unitiated,—why should a railroad be managed against its own interest. For example, the figures we gave, a few days since, as to the rates at which money can be made are not disputed, except by the general inquiry, "why should the officials do this?" The answer is intimated above.

We learn that there is not a branch of industry, peculiar to Pittsburgh, that is not severely straightened by the heavy freight rates. The coal and coke trade is taxed to the last extremity of endurance. The iron business is so severely pressed, that one of our manufacturers recently stated that one more turn of the screw will ruin us. Pittsburgh is really staggering, on the verge of bankruptcy, simply from excessive freight rates; and yet, as we have stated, all this is not good policy on the part of our railroads, even considering the subject from the standpoint of their own interests. We have shown, with the utmost clearness, that had the Pennsylvania Railroad controlled, as it very unquestionably could have done, the oil trade, it could be making, at less than half its present rates, about $3,000,000 net a year. Along with this would have come other business, owing to the general prosperity this trade alone, if held to Pittsburgh, would have inspired. With this prosperity would have come population, increased scope and variety of manufactures, and many other elements of prosperity. It is a Pennsylvania institution, and it should be the purpose of the Pennsylvania Railroad, first to build up a heavy home trade, which would sustain it at all times. Then, with the strength derived from this source, it could readily compete for western freight, to which, as we think, it seeks for at a disadvantage now. Yet it, and other roads, have followed exactly the opposite policy, and have been unfortunate as a result. Were all this changed, the railroads would prosper, and our city would be improved accordingly. Why should not this course be adopted? Can the stockholders of the railroads give a good reason why rates should not be lowered, and the prosperity of the city promoted? If not, why should not all this be voluntarily arranged? At all events, the bill in Congress is very likely to pass; while, if the suits against Northern roads, by the outside Cleveland refiners, succeed, other suits will be apt to be started in this State. This subject of discriminations is a very live question at the present, and needs only to be pressed to be successful.

STAY LAWS.

A few days ago, in a brief paragraph, we expressed in decided terms the opinion that the stay law now under consideration by the Legislature ought not to pass. Let us concisely state some of the reasons which constrain us to hold that opinion.

1. When parties enter into proper financial engagements with each other, there is no valid reason, either of equity or policy, why government should interpose, except to enforce the contract. If engagements are improper or immoral, no right-minded person will question the duty of the law-making power to step in, not to postpone or stay fulfillment, but to utterly abrogate such undertakings.

2. Almost every person in active business, of any sort, stands in the double relation of creditor and debtor. If he buys and sells, or produces and vends, it rarely happens that he has ready capital for all possible contingencies. He sells, expecting to be paid as agreed upon, and on this just expectation goes on buying or producing, incurring liabilities himself. If engagements are kept with him, he can keep his engagements with his creditors, not otherwise.

3. To interpose special and comprehensive stay laws in periods of uncommon financial stringency, is simply to enable multitudes of insolvents to set their creditors at defiance, and so plunge them into bankruptcy. Insolvents thus fortified against the demands of creditors, use up their assets in current expenses of living, and when the special stay laws expire are themselves out of everything, or else go on speculating or making gains by the use of funds rightly belonging to the creditors. Meanwhile these creditors must either imitate this bad example or else fall into ruin by the withdrawal from them of bank or commercial accommodations to which they are no longer entitled.

4. Take the Commonwealth all through; there are thousands of old men, past business activity, thousands of widows and thousands of professional men, who have loaned their savings to active men. The income from these loans is their living. To enact that borrowers need not pay for three years, is to drive most of these worthy and unoffending people to their wits' ends. Many of them will be forced to sell their claims for whatever sum they can obtain, in order to defray unavoidable expenses. In these cases special stay laws are specially infamous.

5. Multitudes of men who can pay their debts if they would are now putting off their payment on the prevalent pretext of "hard times." They can make more with their money than they can by fulfilling their engagements; and they will not pay as long as they can stave creditors off. The last thing this class ought to have is greater license to break contracts.

6. A great many honest debtors, embarrassed beyond extrication, stagger on for years under their burdens, hoping for some fortuitous concurrence of favoring circumstances, some lucky hit or accident, to lift them out of trouble. Thus waste valuable years in hopeless endeavors, draw on to loss their friends, and by reckless expedients or prevarications destroy their own reputations, and go under at last to drag out their remaining years in vain regrets that they did not quit sooner. It would be wiser and better for all these to stop at once, to spare their friends, to save their characters, to do the utmost they can for their creditors, and take a fresh start without wasting time.

7. Prompt payment is indispensable to the whole class of solvent business men. They can pay if they are paid. If their debtors are authorized to set them at defiance, they will be forced to borrow at ruinous rates, or sell property much below its value, in order to protect their credit. It is folly for the Legislature to sacrifice these men simply to make matters easy for the other kinds; it is worse than folly—it is a crime.

8. Stay laws are contrivances to compel solvent men to carry their own burdens and at the same time to carry the burdens of the insolvent. Nothing can be more unjust, and nothing more mischievous. If a tub has no bottom of its own to stand on, it ought to fall in pieces. It surely has no right to insist upon standing upon some other bottom than its own.

9. What the whole people of Pennsylvania most need is not laxer notions of the obligations of contracts, but more stringent and pervading conceptions of the duty of every man to carry his own load and keep his own engagements. To put off pay day by special stay laws will help few who deserve help, but will cripple if not prostrate many who would be easy if they could enforce collections. One solvent, prompt, active man of business is of more consequence to the community, especially at this crisis, than half a dozen "lame ducks." This may sound harsh, but it is true, and does not militate against sympathy or proper aid to persons whose affairs are embarrassed or insolvent.

We say, therefore, to the Legislature, drop all new stay laws at once, and leave debts to be collected under the conditions in which they were made. Tinkering to any considerable extent will prove, not a blessing, but a curse.

OLD-TIME POLITICS.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

During the first quarter of the present century the Jeffersonian Democracy bore uninterrupted rule in the General Government. Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, each of whom served eight years, occupied the Presidential chair in succession.

In those days the election of President caused no popular excitement, if we except the struggle of 1800, and the celebrated scrub race of 1824. The Federal party as a National party, became defunct about the close of the war of 1812–15, and no other was organized. Democratic candidates were nominated by the members of Congress of that party in caucus, in which custom the people, or, rather, the dominant party, acquiesced without demur, and when the day of the election came round a few voters would attend and cast their votes for electors. When Monroe was chosen in 1816 and 1820 probably not one-fourth of the voters attended the polls. The election attracted very little attention, although there was a show of opposition.

But in 1824 a new movement began. General Jackson's brilliant victory over the British forces under Packingham a few miles below New Orleans, which was the last engagement of the war, made that gentleman a great popular favorite, and somebody proposed that he should be made President of the United States, and the thing took like wild fire.

Meantime the Democratic Congressional caucus met as usual, and nominated William H. Crawford, of Georgia, to be Mr. Monroe's successor, little dreaming of the potency that there was in the "Hurrah for Jackson." The opponents of the Democracy in New England, where alone they had much popular strength, although they had no party name, selected John Quincy Adams as their standard bearer.

That made three candidates. But Henry Clay, the brilliant Kentucky orator and a Democrat, had just had a fierce war with Gen. Jackson on the Seminole affair. He and his ardent friends could not and would not support Jackson; neither could they, as Democrats, support Adams; and as Crawford could not cope with Jackson in Kentucky and other Western States, they resolved to make him a candidate too. That made four. There was some popular excitement, but not very much, and when the election came off there was not by any means as full a vote cast as an election for Governor would have brought out at that day. Of course no one had a majority of the whole number of electors, but Jackson was highest, he having 99, Adams 84, Crawford 41, and Clay 37.

Then the election devolved upon the House of Representatives, which, under the Constitution, must choose the President from the three highest in vote in the electoral college. Clay being lowest in vote among the four, was necessarily left out when the matter came before the House. But he had taken the votes of four States, and the representatives from those States felt free to cast their votes as they pleased, so they agreed to go as a unit for Mr. Adams rather than for Gen. Jackson. Mr. Crawford being so far behind his two competitors was hardly regarded as a competitor in this new struggle; so Mr. Adams was chosen on the first ballot.

Such a hue and cry as followed this decision was never before, and has never since, been known in our history. Because Mr. Adams made Mr. Clay his Secretary of State—and he could hardly have found a better one, nor could he have well done anything else—the cry of "bargain and sale" was started and kept up with a vehemence and pertinacity altogether unexampled. Because General Jackson had more electoral votes than any other of the four, many of his friends and admirers honestly believed that he was cheated; and those who had brains enough to know better made political capital for themselves by helping to keep up the delusion.

So the Presidential campaign of 1828, began in March, 1825. There was no nominating convention, nor any occasion for one; for Jackson was nominated by universal acclamation. No party name was heard during those years, and for several years afterwards. Those who supported Jackson called themselves "Jackson men;" those who opposed him went by the name of anti-Jackson men, or Adams men, as the case might be. The old Jeffersonian Democracy died as a party with William H. Crawford, and very many of the members of that party supported John Quincy Adams in 1828; but the "hurrah" swept vast numbers of that party under the Jackson flag. "Hurrah for Jackson!" was the sole party cry of that side. As for principles and a platform nothing of the kind was thought of.

There were many zealous old Federalists still living, although they had no longer a party organization. In New England many of these rallied under the Adams flag, but not all. In Pennsylvania I knew not a single Federalist who did not give a zealous support to Jackson—not one. Such names as Wilkins and Shaler will occur to the minds of many here in Pittsburgh. Of the fifty odd thousand votes cast for Mr. Adams that year in this State nearly all were given by staunch Jeffersonian Democrats, whose party fealty was too strong to be moved by the "hurrah for Jackson."

After a while the Jackson politicians began to gather up the old popular party name. At first the phrase "Jackson Democracy" was used; but this in the course of two or three years gave place to the simple term Democracy. This was all well enough, for people have a right to call themselves by such name they please; but to prefix the name of Jefferson to the party now known by that term is the sheerest nonsense. It is the Jackson Democracy; for the party now bearing that name had its birth in the great political revolution of 1824-28, as I have stated. The rule given by Jefferson to the old Democracy was, *"Is he honest? Is he capable?"* but that of the new is, *"To the victors belong the spoils."*

Ever since that time the election of a President of the United States throws the whole country into violent commotion, and draws out heavier votes than do any other elections. This greater excitement is traceable to the practical operation of the later Jackson-Van Buren rule touching the "spoils." J. C.

Too Old to be Caught by a Boy.

While a clerk in a Detroit hardware store was yesterday morning setting things to rights for the the busines of the day, a citizen with gray locks and self-satisfied look dropped in and kindly asked:

"Have you any four-quart porous kettles?"

"Porous kettles?" mused the clerk. "I never heard of them."

"What do you call these?" demanded the citizen as he nosed along and held up a kettle.

"That's a porcelain kettle, sir," was the reply; "that's what you want, is it?"

"That's what I want if it is a porous kettle," said the citizen.

"We call 'em porcelain," replied the clerk.

"What right have you to call 'em so? Why don't you call a dog a cat?"

"But how can iron be porous?" humbly inquired the clerk.

"How can a young man be a fool?" shouted the citizen. "It has come to a pretty pass when a boy of your age attempts to teach a man of my years anything. Don't you suppose I know the difference between porcelain and porous?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, then, here's your seventy-five cents for this porous kettle, and I'd like to have it sent around to the house right away."

The clerk had to submit. He says that a rich man can do anything, while a poor clerk is kept down.

Truly Benevolent.

A benevolent gentleman passed along the street yesterday, says the Burlington *Hawkeye*, and observing a gate standing open across the sidewalk closed it and saw that it was fastened with every available appliance. Hardly were his kind offices completed, and while he yet stood contemplating the result of his labors with benignity impressed upon every lineament of his countenance, when there came a sound of trampling feet, and around the house, on a dead run for the gate, came three cows followed by the gardener and two dogs, and the expressions of gratitude that burst from the gardener's lips as he took in the situation were sufficiently warm to induce the benevolent gentleman to devote his whole time to shutting other people's gates.

The Drummer Boy's Fate.

Courier-Journal: When an Evansville merchant sees a Cincinnati drummer enter his store, he blows a signal, and in an instant boss clerks and porters runs a cork into each ear and business goes on as usual. The drummer talks himself into a sweat, his under jaw drops, he faints, falls and is tucked out of the store by the porters and dumped off into the gutter. Some stores have porters who do nothing else but haul drummers ont of their stores on truck wagons and "dump 'em" over into the gutters.

Jenkins on a Car.

A St. Louis fashion reporter being detailed to write up the horse railroads, thus describes a gorgeous new car: "Car No. 36 is a beauty. She is trimmed in yellow, and gold-leaf put on bias, corsage *decollete*, trucks *rotunda* and *en tablier*, brakes *en train*, with gable pointed revers of wrought iron. The seats are of cotton velvet, *panier en pouffe*, bound around with a *fichu* of red tape. As a whole the car is a very *recherche* affair."

THE WINE OF LIFE.

The poet may sing of the blood-red wine,
He may chant the charms of the purple vine;
But the wine I prize all others above
Is the wine of life, and its name is love.

From a ruby chalice this wine o'erflows,
Purer than crystal, as sweet as a rose;
It gladdens the soul, yet never can dim,
Though thousands quaff, it is full to the brim.

It bubbles and sparkles with inward fires,
Which kindle the flame of noble desires;
It strengthens the weak, makes the timid bold;
On the darkest lot 'tis a gleam of gold.

Makes sad hearts gay; is the rainbow of tears,
Giving hues of hope to the coming years,
O rarer and dearer, this wine of mine,
Than any that flows from the purple vine!

Ye who have tasted the juices of the wine
Whose clusters hung thick by the river Rhine,
Or have sought to quicken dead lives again
In draughts of Tokay, Madeira, Champ gne,

And have found the nectar ye crave and drink,
Like apples which grow on the Caspian brink—
Could ye taste this wine 'twould new life impart;
'Tis the Wine of Love—its chalice the heart.

THE SCAFFOLD IN SIGHT.

John Dolan Doomed—How he Received the News.

New York is soon to have a scaffold scene,—the victim being John Dolan the murderer of Mr. Noe.

Dolan's life has been hanging by a thread for many weeks. A week ago the writer spoke to the condemned man, who said: "My chances are bright. I think I will get a new trial." His faithful wife was near him, and his devoted mother had just parted from him. His thoughts by day and night were of the Court of Appeals.

On Monday he said, "I have not yet heard from Albany, but I expect to hear to-morrow. I hope that the decision will be in my favor." He was restless, during the night, but he betrayed no unusual easiness yesterday morning when the terrible information that he must be hanged was conveyed to him. An overzealous reporter was the first to communicate the unwelcome news to the prisoner. None of the prison officials had been made aware of the final decision. Dolan had seen none of his counsel, and when the reporter said, "I have some very bad news to tell you," he peered through the bars, and in an almost inaudible tone inquired, "What is it?" He evidently anticipated the reply, and bowed his head when he heard that there was no hope for him.

Later his wife reached the prison. She hurriedly entered the corridor and leaned heavily against the cell door. She sobbed, "John, John, John" and he drew close to her, the iron bars separating them. Tears steamed down his face as he begged her to be calm. "There is no use," he said, "for the more she wept the more as he spoke. Then she dried her eyes and fondly looked upon him. It was a trying moment, and he wept as though his heart would break.

Sturdy John Quinn, the warden, was in the corridor, and the reporter said, "Why don't you speak to him, Warden?"

"I can't," was the tremulous reply. "I don't know what to say." Dolan recognized the reporter and brightened up. "I feel better now," he said. "No, I haven't given up all hope." One of his counsel at this time called upon him and told him of the hard work and useless arguments before the Court of Appeals. Yet the prisoner stood firm, and his face showed that his confidence in his chances for life was not gone from his mind.

Deputy Sheriffs have been ordered to attend upon Dolan, and on the 14th inst, he is to be hanged in the Tombs yard.

Bellini and Grisi.

There also was Giulietta Grisi, Hellenic in that perfect grace and beauty of face and form which were destined to become indelibly associated with the sacred wreath and crescent of the Druidic priestess, now born by the elder artist who broke into cries of *generous* admiration as she discerned the budding talents of the youthful rival. "Tu iras loin! Tu prendras ma place! Tu seras Pasta!" exclaimed the Siddons of Song, with all the unselfish enthusiasm of true genius. In the last rehearsal Pasta kept up a running commentary in her droll Franco-Italian accent on Giulietta's impersonation of Adalgisa. "Benissima! bene; tres bien—pas mal, la piccola," she said, addressing herself to the *maestro*. "How I should love to play *Norma*!" cried Giulietta. "Wait twenty years and we shall see," replied Bellini. "I will play *Norma* in spite of you, and in less than twenty years," answered the petulant sixteen-year-old beauty. Bellini said, incredulously, "A poco, a poco;" but scarcely two years after Giulietta, true to her word, took possession of the *role*, and, as we have said, so strongly identified it with her own personality that even now that she has passed away, and many others, and some distinguished artists have essayed it, the mere mention of the part calls to mind her name; and the fame of Grisi in *Norma* has become almost a legend which gray haired opera-goers still fondly rehearse whenever the younger generation praises some favorite of the day in their hearing. —*Cornhill Magazine.*

Easy Terms.

A man dragged a dog into a Michigan avenue saloon yesterday says M Quad, and wanted the barkeeper to buy him for $10; when he found that he couldn't get that price the would-be seller dropped to $5, then to $3, and in a minute more had come down to 50 cents.

"Think of a great big dog like that for 50 cents!" he exclaimed, as he pulled in on the rope.

The barkeeper talked of hard times for awhile, and the owner of the dog finally said:

"Well take him for 10 cents. I'm out of paper collars, and I ain't a man to let a dog, no matter how good he is, stand between me and a clean turn-down collar!"

"She Axed His Parding."

Last evening a young lady abruptly turned the corner, says the Indianapolis *Herald*, and very rudely ran against a boy, who was small and ragged and freckled. Stopping as soon as she could, she turned to him and said, "I beg your pardon. Indeed, I am very sorry." The small, ragged and freckled boy looked up in blank amazement for an instant; then taking off about three-fourths of a cap, he bowed very low, smiled until his face became lost in the smile, and answered, "You can hev my parding and welcome, miss; and yer may run agin me and knock me clean down an' I won't say a word." After the young lady passed on he turned to a comrade and said, half apologetically, "I never had any one ask my parding, and it kind o' took me off my feet."

A Free Country.

An old curmudgeon was sunning himself on the Post Office steps yesterday fore noon, when a lady came along, having a letter in her hand. She looked up and down the building, hesitated, and asked the man:

"Where do you mail your letters here?"

"I always mail mine inside the building," he calmly replied, "but you can do as you please about it—there's no law to compel you to!"

The look she gave him would have knocked a street car off the track.

A Lovely Hand not Yet Monopolized.

Miss Clara Louise Kellogg has the smallest and the prettiest hands on the stage. They are positively faultless in shape, and without being at all fat, do not show a knuckle, but have dimples instead. Hers are most expressive hands, and are a singular combination of strength and tenderness.

—That there should by anywhere in the earth an authentic person named Scruggs is strange enough; but that he should be made a minister and sent abroad to tergiversate on behalf of his native land, lays the last straw on the camel of human credulity. If any unexhausted susceptibilities of surprise remained after digesting these particulars of name and station, it would not be awakened so much by the fact that a Foreign sovereign gave Scruggs a silver inkstand or that Congress, in the present abundance of silver, should interfere to prevent his retention of that gift. There is no doubt that the royal donor caused his name to be engraved on the utensil, and though this may enhance its value to the recipient, it renders it as bad as useless to anybody else. No scribe, perhaps, but the bearer of the patronymic, could sit unmoved before such an inscription. Its protracted contemplation would cause him to conjure up an imaginary demon and throw the inkstand at his head, as Luther once did, leaving a mark upon the wall of his study, which is yet visible. Perhaps the action of Congress was inspired by a sense of fitness to multiply precedents which should rule future acceptance of gifts made by foreign rulers to our ministers. But if the object is relegated to the custody of the Smithsonian or the Patent Office, and put on exhibition along with the Japanese night-gowns rejected by Mr. Buchanan, and other like gifts which adorn these national receptacles of such, it will continually publish a far more injurious precedent; namely, the appointment to a diplomatic post of a gentleman with such a dreadful name. In a contest of dignity with other ambassadors, how could Mr. Scruggs hold his own in the manner expected by the American Eagle? Though he possessed Hyperion curls, the front of Jove himself, an eye like Mars to threaten and command, weighed with such an unhappy cognomen, it were impossible to him. Give him his inkstand.—*New York World.*

Advertised Letters---Official List.

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LADIES' LIST.

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Boatman Miss A
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Creay Miss L
Cunningham Miss Sapple
Cummins Miss C
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Davis Mrs M
Davis Mrs J A
Dixson Miss Mollie A F
Donnelly Mrs H G
Douglass Mrs M A
Dougherty Miss Sallie
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Duncan Mrs Bell
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Elliott Miss
Elliott Miss C
English Mrs (for)
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Fernie Christina
Ferguson Cecelia
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Fleming Jennie
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Galbraith Miss Gertrude
Garrard Miss Louise F S
Gibson Nancy R
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McCandle s A
McDevid Mrs M
McFarland Mrs S
McKee Frank
McKee Miss
McLean Miss
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Nelson H
North Mrs
North M for
Norton C F
Oliver Lewis
O Brien J (for)
O'Donnell John
O'Hare Jas
Patchel Wm
Pepperl Anton

Gentlemen's List.

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Black John A
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Cummings J R
Darling S B
De Arman J W
Detrking Wm
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Dillow F B (pkg)
Dodds W m
Donnelly Thos
Donaldson Wm
Duff James
Dunkin A
Duy Fred
Elder J H
Eichenlaub W F
Einstein Jas
Emory R C
Emlinger J
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Feiter M
Fishbman H L
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Ford S A
Forsythe J M
Forsythe W L
Forward J F
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Fry Chas
Fulton W P
Gains Robt
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Jenkins F E
Jenkins J C
Jones Rich
Johnson C
Johnson J J
Kane C
Keating James
Kemmerer T
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McConnell R S
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McGee R P
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McKay John
McKee H E
McMillen Wm
Nelson H
North M for
Norton C F
Oliver Lewis
O Brien J (for)
O'Donnell John
O'Hare Jas
Patchel Wm
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Taylor J (for
Taylor J M
Taylor Thos
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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, } THURSDAY, April 6, 1876.

The fine weather of the past day or two has imparted a better feeling in business circles, and the outlook at the present writing warrants the prediction that there will be a healthy and decided improvement in trade in all its various branches, within the next few weeks. One of the most encouraging signs of the times, is that the production of nearly all the leading Pittsburgh manufacturers, including iron, nails, and glass, has been reduced to such an extent, that it is not more than equal to the consumption, and as the belief is entertained that hard pan has been reached, the ruinous "cutting," common during the past year or two, has been stopped. Our manufacturing interests must be in good shape before we can look for any decided or healthy improvement in general business, and as already intimated, the indications are favorable.

APPLES—The supply is small, and the market firm, but unchanged, with regular sales ranging from $4@6 per bbl for fair to choice fruit.

APPLE BUTTER—Is in rather better demand, but prices remain as last quoted; 6@7½c ₱ gallon.

ASHES—Following are the current rates—in a jobbing way: Common Soda, (48 per cent.) 3½@4c; Refined do., (50 per cent.) 3½@4c; Pearl ash, 7½@8; Potash, 7c; Nitrate Soda, 2¾@3c; Manganese, 4½c; Arsenic, 5c; Flour Spar, 2½@2½c.

ALE—There is no change to note in prices and trade is generally reported dull, like everything else, affected by the hard times. $4 ₱ bbl to the city and $5 to country; XX $10; India $11. half bbls in proportion.

BEANS—The market continues very dull, but prices remain as last quoted; $1.10@1.15 ₱ bu.

BROOMS—We note an improved demand; orders are coming in more freely, with indications of an active trade next month. Quotations for "Indiana factory" remain the same, as follows:

No 2 common Brooms	$2.00
No 3 Hurl	2.25
No 4 Hurl	2.50
No 5 Hurl	3.25
No 6 Hurl	3.50
No 3 carpet	3.75
No 4 carpet	4.00
Fancy Parlor	4.25
Stock Braid (54)	4.50
Stock Braid (48)	2.75
Whisps, 6, 8 and 10 inch	1.25@1.75 per dozen
Toy Brooms	1.00@1.50

BUTTER—The receipts keep up well, and with the supply accumulating and holders generally anxious to realize, the market is weak and prices drooping. Prime to choice rolls, 32@35c; 28@30c for medium to good, and 25@27c for common to fair. Our latest advices from New York report increased receipts, and there, as here, the turning point has been reached.

CHEESE—Is in light stock and firm, but unchanged; we continue to quote prime Ohio Factory, 12½@13c; prime New York, 14½@15. A New York paper of Wednesday says: The continued heavy receipts have rather disappointed the trade. While they could calculate pretty closely what was likely to come from this state, they did not look for so many western cheese. The receipts since the first of January foot up 74,854, against 68,700 during the same time last year. Shipments during the first three months of this year, 251,158, against 120,948 for same months last year. A steamer direct to London last week helped to swell the shipments, hence the large number reported. And still only 14,000 are reported on the London market April 1, with 48,000 at Liverpool. Stocks are being well reduced here, especially of the finer grades. The bulk of the trade is in medium and poor cheese—the cleanings up of odd lots. Partly owing to the near exhaustion of fancy cheese, and partly because the feeling is not very strong, we drop ¼c on outside figures.

CANNED GOODS—Following are the prevailing jobbing rates:

2 ₱ Blackberries	$2 50	2 ₱ Bartlett Pears	$3 00
2 ₱ Blueberries	2 00	2 ₱ Common Pears	2 00
2 ₱ White Cherries	2 75	2 ₱ Pine Apple	2 00
2 ₱ Red Cherries	2 00	2 ₱ Quinces	2 00
2 ₱ Gooseberries	2 00	2 ₱ Raspberries	2 75
2 ₱ Green Gages	3 00	2 ₱ Strawberries	2 00
2 ₱ Egg Plums	3 00	2 ₱ Lima Beans	1 50
2 ₱ Damson Prunes	2 50	2 ₱ String Beans	1 50
2 ₱ Peaches	1 75	2 ₱ Winslow's Corn	2 25
3 ₱ Peaches	2 25	2 ₱ Peas	2 25
3 ₱ pie Peaches	1 60	3 ₱ Tomatoes	1 65

CRANBERRIES—In light supply, and held firmly at full prices—$15@15 ₱ bbl, an advance of $2@4 ₱ bbl since the first of the year.

DRIED FRUIT—The demand is reported rather better and increasing, and there is a firmer feeling in consequence, but as yet no improvement in prices. Apples quoted at 9@10c for fair to prime, and 11@12 for choice. Peaches, 11½@12½ for halves.

EGGS—The receipts have stacked up somewhat, and with a steady demand the market is firmer—prices are tending upward, although not quotably higher as compared with yesterday; we continue to quote at 15@16c, although as yet the most of the sales have been at 15c.

FLOUR—Trade in this important staple continues quiet, and the market is devoid of any new or important features deserving of special notice. The demand is confined wholly to supplying immediate actual wants, while prices remain unchanged.

Spring wheat flours, $6.25@6.75; red winters, $6.50@7; ambers, $7.00@7.50; patent process, $8.75@9.50. Rye Flour, $4.50@4.75.

FISH—There is a fair trade, but no recent change in prices. We quote:

Ex No 1 Mess Mackerel	$34 00	₱ bbl.
No 1 Shore do	22 00	do
Ex No 1 Shore do	28 00	do
No 1 Shore do	25 00	do
Ex No 1 Bay do	20 00	do
No 1 Bay do	18 00	do
Ex No 2 do	16 00	do
Large No 2 do	12 50	do
Split Labrador Herring	8 00	do
Split Shore Herring	6 25@6 50	do
White Fish	5 75 ₱	½ bbl
Lake Herring	3 75	do
Large Green Trout	6½c	₱ lb
Medium do do	6	do
Boneless Codfish	6½	do
Halibut	12 50	do
No 1 Herring	60c	₱ box
Scaled Herring	50c	do
Smoked Bloater Herring	$1.75	do

GRAIN—The grain markets continue very dull, unusually so for this season of the year, and, in a general way, presents nothing that is particularly important. There is a continued fair milling demand for Wheat, and the receipts and offerings, especially of good stock, continue light, although there has been no change in prices. We continue to quote fair to prime Ohio and Indiana red $1.30@1.35; and Michigan white $1.42@1.45; the inquiry is almost entirely for good stock, while the most of that offering is of poor quality. The Oat market has been quiet and unchanged for several weeks; mixed Ohio and Penna., 30@30c; white, 41@42c; choice western white, 43@44. Shelled Corn is in limited supply, and the recent sharp advance is maintained; 60@63 free in elevator, for good mixed to prime yellow. Ear Corn is also in light supply, and firm, 57@60c on wharf and track. Rye is quietand unchanged at 80@82c.

GROCERIES—Coffee—Rio is stronger at an advance of another quarter, and the belief in still higher figures is held by owners, who are not pressing sales at the moment, in fact many operators are withdrawing from the market, confidently awaiting an appreciation in values. The latest Rio telegram reports very low stocks and a diminution in the daily receipts, with a firmer market. Java in large supply at firm figures. Sugars are firm at an advance of ⅛c on yellows at the refineries. Refined standard white is firm and the tendency upward. Granulated crushed and powdered unchanged, but held strong at our quotations. A. Spices are firm, in fact many importers

HOME NEWS.

THE PURSUIT OF GRIER

The Story of his Flight Told by the Man who First Pursued Him.

Names of Some Prominent Men who Might Assist the Committee in Finding the Long Lost Cashier—A Sensational Episode in Which the Mayor and the Controller Figure.

The most interesting session of the Legislative investigation was that held yesterday morning. Some sensational testimony affecting Controller Snodgrass was elicited from the Mayor, and a chapter from the unwritten history of the pursuit of Robert Grier was extracted from Mr. John B. Livingston. The story of the Fire Marshal, with its variety of incident and adventure, makes interesting reading, though its value as evidence in the present case is problematical.

SOME SUSPICIOUS CHECK-STUBS.

As soon as the committee organized Mayor McCarthy was recalled to the stand, and in answer to a question from the chairman produced a check-book issued by the United States Bank. He said that he thought the book was found in the desk of the Water Commission by John T. Duff, and handed to him by Duff. To the best of his recollection he had told him that he believed it to be a book of John Ross'. The stubs of the book show that checks have been drawn, but the amounts not given—only initials.

Mr. Richardson, of the committee—I notice in one of the stubs of the book the initials "R. M. S.," a check being drawn in that name.

The Mayor—Well, the initials "R. M. S." are the initials of R. M. Snodgrass.

Mr. Richardson—There are other initials, "F. A." and "J. B." on this stub—the two Allan brothers.

The Mayor—I guess from the surroundings it would stand for Frank Allan.

THE CHASE AFTER GRIER.

Fire Marshall John B. Livingston was next sworn, and, after taking the stand, he testified that his failure to appear before the committee heretofore, was owing to pressure of more imperative business, and the committee were in no way to blame for his non-appearance. Then he began his story as follows:

I was employed by the Consolidated Gas Company April 1, 1875, and remained in 1876; the directors of that company were, when I entered it: Charles H. Armstrong, President; Robert Dickson, Treasurer; Wm. Thaw, Jr., Robert J. Hicairn, James McC. Creighton and Aaron French; a month after I entered the company George Wilson became Director; Mr. Gearing was then elected President in the place of Mr. Armstrong, resigned; on the 24th of January they asked me to resign as Secretary as a reason that the father of the present Secretary, Dorsey Bolton, who lived in Coburg, Canada, was going to buy $15,000 worth of stock, conditioned that he should have my position as Secretary; the reason given by the same parties under cover in a suit which terminated yesterday was that I did not perform my contract with the company; one of the true reasons of my discharge, as I am lead to believe, is because they couldn't make a Bob Grier out of me; another reason that occurred to me after my discharge was brought about as follows: First, that while I was with the company this Nation Trust trouble came up, and it created great commotion in the Board before and after the unexplained absence of Cashier Grier; a day or two after Grier's departure I heard Charles H. Armstrong say in the office of the Consolidated Gas Company that there was paper of his —or maybe he said "ours"—to the amount of about $100,000 left by Grier, which he said was forged; Robert Dickson at the same time protested against about $25,000 of his firm's notes also left; I also heard Wm. Smith and Frank Ardary complain about some paper left by Grier; at the same time I remember the great interest J. McC. Creighton took in John Ross, and a trip or two made to Canada by Aaron French about this time; I also called to memory two conversations I had with Grier in relation to

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worth of stock, for which he showed me the certificate in blank from steel works; he had asked me if the certificate would hold water; I said I thought it would, as I was not posted; he also said "it was a nice present;" then I called to mind Blair's disinterested trip to Philadelphia to raise good collateral, as Grier told me, and William H. Shoenberger's seeming intimacy with Grier, and Shoenberger's introduction of Bolton, and the reasons he gave for the introduction; Shoenberger gave as his reason when he introduced Bolton that his brother-in-law had a block of stock, and asked me to make out a statement of the condition of the Consolidated Gas Company, so that he could take it home to his father, Dorsey Bolton, and, as directed to be intimate with Armstrong, Creighton and French. Bolton went back to Canada, and the first knowledge I had of his being back was a letter directed to Chas. M. Gearing, marked "personal," Mr. Gearing, who is not a very well educated man, asked me to read the letter; I did so, and the letter stated that Bolton's father would take the stock on consideration of the son being made cashier; I also know the business relations of C. H. Armstrong, Armstrong, Dickson & Co. and Pitcairn & Creighton; about this time meetings of the Board were held at night at the residence of C. H. Armstrong, Frank Ardary and W. Smith; in linking over these incidents I came to the conclusion that Shoenberger, Blair Co.'s iron mines were near Coburg, on Lake Ontario; it occurred to me that Coburg was a good place to find Bob Grier, and I reported my conclusions to John H. McKelvy, Chairman of the Trustees of the Nation Trust Company; when I went to Mr. McKelvy I asked him: "Have you any idea where Bob Grier is?" He said if I had to fix a place I would say about Toronto, Canada, and gave me his reasons for saying so.

THE WOMAN IN THE CASE.

His reason was that a draft had been given by Grier to a woman before he left here, and that that draft had been left with a banker in Toronto, from whence it had been sent to R. K. Jamison & Co., Philadelphia, and Jamison referred it to the parties on here; because this woman was in Toronto was McKelvy's reason for thinking Grier was there; the woman, I understand, was one of easy virtue, but I don't know her name; after talking the whole matter with Mr. McKelvy, he arrived at the same conclusion I did—that Grier was there; I thought they ought to send a detective there; he then said that our secret was too great a one to entrust to any of the thirteen trustees or a detective; he said: "Now, Livingston, you are doing nothing; you must go to Canada; I will pay the expenses;" he said his brother was a lawyer and he would refer the matter to him; I then said that I would agree to go to Canada if he would put Mr. McKelvy's name to the charge against Grier was that could get Grier under the extradition treaty, and he said it was a charge of forgery Friday; the information was made before Alderman Black; Mr. McKelvy, the attorney, the agent for the pursuit of Grier; I then went to Toronto and put myself in communication with Detective Hodgins of that city; I waited a day or two in Toronto for a despatch from Mr. McKelvey, but it not coming, I went to Coburg; Coburg is sixty-nine miles below Toronto on Lake Ontario.

THE TRAIL GROWING HOT.

When I got to Coburg I was a perfect stranger there, and thought the proper person to apply to was the Chief-of-Police; Coburg is a town of 4,000 or 5,000; the Chief's name was Cooney; I called on him in Town Hall; we went into his private office and I showed him the larger picture of Grier that I had taken with me; this, I should have stated, was about the last of February, 1876; after looking at the picture I asked him if he had seen a man answering that description; he answered gruffly, "I have, and since the holidays;" I had not told him before this what I wanted after for, but after this remark I told him; I put this question to him: "If my suspicions are correct and your conclusions about the man are right, I suspect this party associates with the leading families of your town; have you seen him with?" He said: "I have frequently seen him drive the Miss Boltons around." He seemed to grasp the situation; I then told him being seen about town; he said: "You go back to your hotel and stay till the train goes to Toronto, and then go;" he then asked me if I knew Col. Shoenberger; I think that's the name; I said no; he said: "You passed him the door in this office;" Shoenbros. I understand, is a son-in-law of Shoenberger; he said that the Canadians knew the American by their appearance, and I would be recognized; I asked the chief if he had seen any Pittsburghers up there lately; he said "Yes, I saw young Shoenberger," and from his description I thought he meant Wm. H. Shoenberger; I then described Aaron French, and asked him if he had seen him there.

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He said he thought he had, and asked me if French was a manufacturer; I said no, but that he had made car springs; he said he (Cooney) had a brother working in the car-hops, and could find out from him; I suggested that if Grier wasn't in Coburg to look for him in the iron mines before referred to, which were back in the country and that the railroad to Coburg was not running, but that he could take a train to Peterboro, and get a hack from there to the mines; I asked him what the hack would cost; he said about twelve dollars; I gave him fifteen dollars in American money; Cooney said he was in misfortune; I suggested that he send somebody else; he said he had a good man, and would swear him, but he didn't introduce him to me; I then came to Pittsburgh for extradition papers, feeling sure that I knew where my man was; I was travelling at that time under the name of John Bailey, Buffalo; Mr. John McKelvey had corresponded with me under the assumed name, "John Hudson;" I think it was; I should say that Cooney, the day after I left Coburg, sent a man named O. Dean, an ex-hack driver, to the mines to hunt for Grier; Dean took the cars for Peterboro, and as he was about hiring a hack to go to the mines, and was talking to a man on the platform, Bob Grier passed him; he recognized Grier at once by the scar on his cheek, his general appearance and from the picture; Dean said to the gentleman who was talking to him: "Does that man belong to your town?" The man said, "the may-I don't know." Grier was carrying a satchel and a bundle of papers, and was walking briskly. Dean at once left the gentleman and started after Grier; Grier had about a square start of him; it then occurred to Dean that he ought to have his American money changed for Canada money, and he went into a bankers named Mengis and got the money exchanged; Dean says he never let Grier home of them; facts by letter; I showed the letter to Mr. McKelvy; nobody up to this time knew of the contents of the letter but Mr. McKelvy, my wife and myself; I said that it was gone to that I was sure that we had better let other Trustees into the secret; he did so; he said he had let Alex. Pitcairn and John Crawford, two Trustees, into the secret; I think he said also Alderman Taylor, but ain't certain; Pitcairn, I was told, started for Washington to get extradition papers; then there was a delay about my getting back to Canada; Pitcairn got me a letter of introduction from Hugh Pinkerton's agent at Philadelphia, to the Chief of Police in Buffalo; my intention was to take somebody from Buffalo to assist me; I started for Toronto and stopped over at Buffalo, but didn't take any detective, as it was too expensive; I then went to Toronto to await the arrival of the extradition papers, which I was told would be sent to me there; I waited a week or ten days for them; I sent on for more money, and I got $200 by express from Mr. McKelvy; I also got a draft on my money I went to Coburg to see Cooney and Dean; when I got there Cooney was gone—he was in Rochester, N. Y., after someb dy; Dean was on the lookout for me; I had never, however, seen him before.

THE ESCAPE OF GRIER.

Dean met me and told me how he had found and traveled with Bob, all of which was afterward verified to me; he told me, as before stated, that he had met Grier on the street at Peterboro, and had gone into Mengis' bank; Dean went into the bank, and knowing Mengis and Grier both to be bankers, showed Grier's picture to Mengis, and asked him if he had seen anybody that looked like that; Mengis said, "Yes, he just left here." Grier had been in the bank that morning and spent some time there; Mengis said: "That man (meaning Grier) is going off on the Port Hope train," and pulling out his watch said the train would soon go; Dean (Mengis) would go with Dean to the depot and point him out; Mengis' clerk had looked at the picture and was positive that the man in there was the one; Mengis and Dean then started together for the depot; Dean bought a ticket for Port Hope, and then boarded the train to look for his man; he found him in the smoking car reading a newspaper; Port Hope is seven miles west of Coburg; as Dean had no papers, he thought that as he (Dean) was well acquainted in Port Hope, he could arrest and hold his man, upon arrival there, until the extradition papers arrived; when the train got to a station named Millbrook, a man in the smoking car with Bob recognized by Dean, hailoed to him, "hello, Dean, who are you after?" this started Bob, and Dean replied, "I am after no one here collecting;" Grier then got off the train and went into the ladies' room in the station; the conductor then hailoed for the train to leave, and believing that Grier had suspected him he pretended to be indifferent, and walked to the back part of the train, supposing Bob would get on again; when he got to the rear car the train was under way, and he saw that Grier had not got aboard, but was walking on the station platform with his satchel in his hand.

THE CHASE ABANDONED.

When I had arrived at Coburg the second time I asked Dean if he had seen a person of Grier's appearance with the Holton family; he said he remembered a man of that description playing billiards once with Dorsey Bolton; as Cooney was absent Dean took the case in hand (this is the second trip), and said that he thought the man we were looking [illegible] going under the name of Potter, and that he was at a hotel—the hotel that Grier had stopped at Dean's on the night before he started for Port Hope; the landlord described Grier and said such a man had stopped there the night before under the name of H. T. Green, Niagara Falls; I went also to see Mengis, the banker; he said that this man R. T. Green had told him that he was hunting for a place of business in Canada; Green had said that he had spent about eight weeks around St. Catharine and the Falls, but that he liked this part of the country (Peterboro) better. Mengis said that he could give me the name of one of Grier's correspondents, which might lead to his detection; I asked him how he got the name; he said that that morning, before Dean had come in to get the money changed, Green had come in with two Peterboro papers, and directed them; he saw that one of the names was almost similar to his (Mengis') being but one letter different, and that he resided at Clifton, opposite Niagara; I examined the Dominion directory, and saw there was a man of that name living at Clifton, whose occupation is marked as a farmer; the man Porter, whom Dean had suspected, did not turn out to be Mr. Grier; getting tired of the business, I left the country, having $80 with Dean to look after Grier; I told Dean before leaving to see some of Bolton's servants and find out who the mysterious man was there; after I came home Dean wrote me he had inquired and was told that the man was from Salt Lake City and he was a friend of the Holton's; Dean asked me to send him on $30 and he would go to Clifton and see who the correspondent referred to was; McKelvy didn't give me the money; he was satisfied that we had found Grier, but seemed to tire of the chase; I then dropped the whole matter, and have never been in correspondence with Dean or anybody relative to the matter since; this is the whole matter; I have no charges to make against anybody; I have given just what I know and how my suspicions were aroused; this is all I know.

This finished Mr. Livingston's voluntary statement, and Mr. Robb then proceeded to questi n him. In answer to questions he said: Know nothing of my own knowledge of the organization of the Nation Trust Company with-water bonds; the Consolidated Gas Company, as a company, did not receive any benefit from water bonds while I was there; you are as well able to guess whether individual stockholders did or did not; the consolidated stock was $250,000, and only $21,000 paid in; don't know of any connection of the Consolidated management with the Nation Trust Company; the impression, however, is made up about that crowd; one time before the Nation Trust troubles Grier said to me that he was worth $100,000—either $100,000 or $40,000 in real estate; this was the time he showed me the present of the $25,000 stock of the Blair Iron Company; he told me he had got the present from Thomas S. Blair, President of the Blair Iron Company; I called on this company in Pittsburgh Sunday last; have been a very great secret; I have told it to some of my intimate friends, and I supposed that it was by it got out and I was suspected here.

This concluded the statement of Mr. Livingston, and the committee went into recess until two o'clock.

THE CONTROLLER'S DEFENSE.

Controller Snodgrass was the first witness sworn after recess. He said, in reference to the Mayor's communication in an afternoon paper, that a check for $1,800 was drawn in favor of Robert J. Hicairn, that so far as the communication insinuated that that check was drawn in favor of Dean it was incorrect. At the time it was drawn the Main street and Carson street Commission were in need of funds to pay the interest on the Wettengill, and he having received $4,500 in bonds from the Commission, and being unable to negotiate them, applied to the witness for assistance in the matter. He carried on money. The witness knew that John Ross had facilities for the transaction of business of this kind, and out of friendship for Mr. Wettengill he applied to Mr. Ross to negotiate $4,000 of the bonds. Mr. Ross said the bonds were good, deducting $200 for discount drew a check for $3,800 in favor of the witness, who had introduced the business to him. The proceeds of that check were handed to Mr. Wettengill.

The witness said the circumstances of this negotiation had been sufficiently discussed politically, and he made this statement in self-defense, and to show the public that all transactions between John Ross and himself were perfectly legitimate, and that none of them militated against the interest of the city of Pittsburgh.

There he submitted the following letter in part substantiation of what he had said:

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I feel quite positive the check for $1,800 was given by me to R. M. Snodgrass in payment of the proceeds of $2,000 of Carson and Main street bonds, I think $1,800 of one and $200 of the other South Side streets. Such a transaction occurred between us, and I think it must be the one about which Mr. Kennedy asked to be informed at the request of Mr. Snodgrass. JOHN ROSS.

Before leaving the stand the Controller submitted the following statement, in answer to a request made several days ago by the committee:

The following is a statement of the amount paid for real estate by the Water Commission of the City of Pittsburgh:

James McCully	$171,388,00
Casper Negley	120,344 36
Mrs. C. Herron	70,925 93
Wm. A. Herron	30,000 00
Mary A. Reimer	21,939 00
Wm. Robinson	2,210 50
Lockhart & Frew	1,304 82
R. W. Sturgeon	20,000 00
Examining Titles, &c.,	627 87
Total	$438,419 82

WHAT BROWNSVILLE AVENUE COST.

Mr. Thomas W. Maple, one of the Commissioners on the Brownsville avenue improvement, was also examined. He stated that in regard to the differences operated to secure the contracts on this improvement. The grading and paving of Brownsville avenue has cost, to the 1st day of March, $245,640.89, and Washington avenue, which is about fifteen hundred feet in length, has cost $22,-795,67. These are the only two public improvements. The portion paved is in good condition. Could not say whether the city will realize on the frontage assessments. The assessment per front foot will probably be about $22.

THE PROPERTY CONFISCATED BY ASSESSMENTS.

Mr. A. P. Norton was next sworn. While bids for the contracts were being made Mr. Norton was approached by a person who said that if the contract could be secured for a certain person, whose bid was then in, the parties interested would not mind spending $1,500 or $2,000. That party did not secure the contract, nor did any one in any way connected with him. This being the fact, the witness was reluctant to name the parties to the proposition, but he was relieved from this necessity by counsel for the prosecution.

The witness thought that the property on the lower side of the road had all been benefitted by the improvement. On the upper side of the road 70 lots had been completely thrown away as valueless, in the calculations of the commission when the assessments were made against the property. There were altogether three hundred valuable lots on the line of the improvement, the owners of which improved lots, and seventy worthless lots. The assessment on the unimproved property will amount to confiscation.

VINDICATING CONTROLLER SNODGRASS.

Mr. George Wettengell was next sworn: He got the bonds, Snodgrass' check for $1,800 and handed the Commissioners on Main, Carson and Chestnut streets, for work done. He received $4,500 of bonds, and $1,800 in cash. Snodgrass advised the gentleman said he would send them east, and see what could be done with them. A week after he called on Mr. Snodgrass, and received a check for the bond back, and he was paid 95 cents on the dollar for the balance. Mr. Snodgrass was a Controller at the time. He offered to pay Mr. Snodgrass for his services, but that gentleman would accept nothing. Before that he had negotiations for Mr. Snodgrass, he had vainly tried to sell the bonds about the city. The transaction was purely a matter of legitimate business. The witness never received any bonds from Mr. Snodgrass. All the bonds received by him were obtained from the Commissioners for work done.

CAUSE OF BROWNSVILLE AVENUE SLIDES.

Mr. Samuel Diescher, the engineer on Brownsville avenue, was next sworn, and said he was employed to repair the land-slides. These slides were caused partly by springs which had their outlet through several strata of lime stone, and partly because proper scientific precautions against such occurrences had not been taken when the work of building the avenue was begun. The natural formation of the earth there is favorable to land-slides, and the fact gives evidence that slides have occurred there from a very remote period. Very serious slides have occurred there, and are likely to occur again. The future slides will be prevented largely by building immense walls to buttress the acclivity. The road is a thoroughfare for the whole country, to and from the South Side. After the last section of masonry is put in at Woodburn's slide, there will be no more slides on Brownsville avenue.

The committee adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

ALLEGHENY STREETS.

Rev. Witherspoon's Claim for Drawback—Routine Items.

The Street Committee of Allegheny Councils met last evening, Mr. N. H. Voegtly presiding. The action of the last meeting in recommending an ordinance to Councils, authorizing the payment by the city of $16,400 for the construction of the Howard street wall, was, on motion of Mr. Heagy, reconsidered. No further action was then taken in the matter.

The Engineer was directed to lower the grade of English alley, at Harding street, three feet, providing Mr. English will alter the change to be made.

Rev. Witherspoon addressed the committee, and asked the return of $240 from the city for a wall which he had built on Henderson street to protect his property, but which the city afterward refused to brace up that street with. In his remarks he stated that this wall had cost him $4.50 per perch, and that after-ward the city paid the same man $5.50 per perch for building the rest of the wall on Henderson street. The stone used in both portions of the wall was taken from the same quarry, and both are the same in every respect, except that his portion was perhaps a little the best of the two. The committee ordered that an ordinance be prepared for the return of the amount desired.

An ordinance was ordered for the payment of the balance due the contractor on Rodia street, less $196. The contract for furnishing the gravel required by the Street Commissioners in making repairs was awarded to Fred. Gwinner, at the rate of 55 cents per load. The monthly pay-rolls and bills were approved.

Adjourned.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

It is a source of wonder that Mrs. Waller does not draw larger houses than she has been doing this week. Her performance of *Meg Merrilies* has certainly not been equaled here since Davenport enacted *Sir Giles Overreach*, and the latter, superb and grand though it is, is not in our opinion any better, stronger or more powerful than the latter. The death scene is so real and natural that one almost feels a creeping chill of horror, and a better manifestation of Mr. Waller's great genius could not be given. This evening she pays *Queen Elizabeth* for her benefit, and to-morrow afternoon and evening "Guy Mannering" will have its last presentations. We regret that Mrs. Waller has decided not to play the *Duchess of Malfi*. We have heard quite a number who have seen her in that *role* say they would like to see her impersonation of it once again before they more off the stage of life.

Trimble's Varieties.

At this popular place of amusement there has been no diminution in the large audiences that have been in attendance since the holidays, and during the present week the number of attractions have been increased. The songs and dances of favorites whose strong hold upon the affections of the amusement going public has not been loosed still remains to delight their old friends and patrons. The frequent changes made in the programme of this house make the performances ever fresh, and the pleasing features of the entertainment seem never to grow dim.

Marion Harland in her new cook book "Breakfast, Luncheon and Tea," recommends the use of Prepared or Self Raising Flour in preference to Cream of Tartar and Soda or Expensive Baking Powder.

Valuable Stocks at Auction.

Friday evening, 7th inst., at 7½ o'clock, at Thos. F. Stewart's salesrooms, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street:

19	shares	German National Bank.
8	"	Diamond " "
25	"	M. & M. " "
29	"	Exchange " "
25	"	Allegheny " "
13	"	First " "
10	"	Duquesne " "
15	"	Anchor Bank.
20	"	Ewalt Street Bridge.
50	"	Western Insurance Co.
40	"	Pennsylvania Insurance Co.
21	"	Lawrence Railroad, and other stocks.

THOS. F. STEWART, Auctioneer.

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THE Y. M. C. A.'S NEW ROOMS.

Formal Opening Last Night—Interesting Exercises—Addresses by Well Known Ministers.

The new rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, in the rear of the building at No. 32 Fifth avenue, were formally opened last evening. The occasion, which proved to be a very pleasant one, witnessed an attendance that exhibited the gratifying interest which the Christian people of this community feel in the prosperity of the Association. The new rooms are neatly and comfortably furnished, and altogether the evidences are that the organization is in a flourishing condition. The exercises consisted of singing and addresses. The speakers were Rev. C. W. Smith, the new pastor of the Smithfield street M. E. church, Rev. S. A. Taggart, Secretary of the State Association of the Y. M. C. A., and Rev. J. R. DeWitt, of the Third Presbyterian church. The remarks of the former were felicitous in character. Rev. Taggart's were chiefly exhortative and Rev. De Witt's argumentative. The services were commenced by the singing of the *Te Deum*, which was followed by the reading of a chapter from the Bible and the delivery of a prayer by Rev. W. M. Robinson.

Rev. Smith said the fact that he had no for several years been actively connected with the work of this Association was calculated to embarrass him somewhat, but still he thought he might say a few words by way of introduction to the speeches that were to follow. If a young couple in starting on the journey of life together were to commence ahead of their means it would be quite probable that in the course of time they would have to go back, which would be very unpleasant. But if they were to commence within their means they could gradually better their condition. An illustration of the latter the speaker considered the present opening of the new rooms. Associations like the Y. M. C. A. help to promote acquaintance, which is not only desirable in life but in religion. There are some people in this world who are worse than any one would think there was any necessity for them to be. There are yet others who are better than they believe themselves to be. Now in connection with Young Men's Christian Associations that these things are found out. If a man is true he better gets to know it, and his manhood higher he will be esteemed. The speaker had found such to be the case in all denominations, no matter what the peculiarities of the person might be. When he got back of those peculiarities he found the beloved man. Those we find each other out the more we love each other and the better we labor together. Another purpose which these Associations serve is the bringing of unlike denominations, tween all Christian denominations. It is one of the blessings of our religion that we are all divided, but these Associations do away with this in a measure. Because, as thinking Christian people, we follow independent lines of thought, we differ upon minor points, but on the great essentials we are one in Christian and earnest endeavor. The speaker hoped that the association would be a source of religious power in this community, and that is the grandest power in the universe after all. All kinds of power are desirable, but if wonderful gifts are that power which has bestowed benedictions upon the world in the past, and which is to brighten and bless the future. In religion Christianity alone is supposed that the need had been found for a centre of power. The Young Men's Christian Associations are not to antagonize or supplant the churches, but to supplement them, and to bring men to their pastors, so that they will be free from inducements to evil, the clerks, apprentices, and young men from the country for whose allurements from the places upon the highways of the city are so numerous, and where they are always welcomed with a smile. In this respect the Association will be a source of power. In conclusion, the speaker said that nothing but the consecration and presence of the Divine Spirit was needed to make the work of the Y. M. C. A. successful in reaching and effective.

As has been already stated, the speech of Rev. Taggart was an exhortation principally. He urged the members to unceasing work, and predicted that if their labors should be in the spirit of Christ they would be crowned with rich and ample success. It seemed to him that there had never been such a year as the present for men to listen to and be spoken to on the question of their salvation. He stated parenthetically that it was about thirty years ago that the first Young Men's Christian Association was organized in London by three young men, who met in a counting room. In finishing, Rev. Taggart spoke of the condition that afforded the Christian the opportunity to plead with sinners. He said if they had work for all the Christian journals it would be a self-Paying Institution, but he said on account of the hard times they could not get work for the men he said there was only about three hundred employed the rest were Idel he said that they only fel behind seventeen Thousand Dollars last year. There are very few Irash men here. I think there are as many Country Borns in Prison as Forgheres. They have a Church out fifty by a hundred as fine a church as you would go into—no crosses hung-up, no pictures on the Walls. Miligan is the Pastor The one who showed me through the Building said he did not-know whether they had Any religion or not I told him that was not for us to Judge. I told him all will be saved that Has God Intended Independent to man's Preaching; but the Gospel must be Preechel wheather it is doing good or not it is only to warn the wicked so that they will have no Excuse At the Day of Judgment They have a Library of four Thousand volums and a school house to learn the Ignorant they make thier owne Breade about six hundred Loves a day. It is a greate deal Better than any baked by our Bakers they have Tea once a Week it takes three Hundred and Twenty Gallons of Coffee per Day they use no Milk I suppose the reason of this is because they have no Cows, I consider the Cow the most useful Domestice that there is—what is a Farm House without a Cow This World is all a Prison—And the Christian man will Never be at Liberty till he Arives in Heven then he will be a Citizen of a Free Country, and there is no Country free but Heven then the Christian will be free from the Wicked the Thief and the Robber and the Midnight Assain shall disturbe him no more. Any one visiting this place ought to take warning when they see the greate evils that men bring upon themselvs there is no Angle to open thier Prison Doors they are under Bars and Bolts confined No Law can let the Murder go free.

J. McKee.

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Our stock of Black Silks comprises all the very best makes in the market, including the celebrated Cachemire Alexandra, Cachemire Royal and Hand Spun brands, which we warrant to give entire satisfaction.

We offer Plain Colored Silks, of our own importation, in all the choicest novelties of light, medium and dark shades, in six qualities, ranging from $1.25 to $2.50 per yard, which, on examination, ladies will find to be the best Silks for the price in the market.

HUGUS & HACKE,
Fifth avenue and Market street.

Ladies' Benefit Exposition.

Allegheny City is now enjoying the benefit of a Ladies Exposition, at No. 122 Federal street. This is an opening of a fresh importation of the latest and most fashionable styles of Paris Millinery, embracing a rich selection of Spring and Summer Hats, Bonnets, Lace Ribbons, Embroideries, &c., and ladies must see the display to appreciate its worth and beauty.

Gentlemen

Who are fastidious in their tastes can get a suit that comes up to their requirements or standard, at the merchant tailoring establishment of J. B. Carson, 48 Sixth street.

HOMOEOPATHIC.

Medicines and Publications.

The only place to get reliable and pure Homoeopathic Preparations is at George W Backofen's, No. 161 Smithfield street, above Sixth avenue.

Great! Great! Great!

Rush to No. 48 Sixth street, to examine John B. Carson's immense stock of suitings.

BREVITIES.

The crop of lawyers for '76 is not very promising.

Ground has been broken for the new building at the Court House.

The post-office employes are jubilant over the renewal of their gas supply.

This city can boast of its dirty streets without danger of having to take water.

The Street Committee in Allegheny yesterday afternoon visited Charles street.

The Allegheny Board of Poor Director will probably have an interesting meeting this evening.

The opening of the Young Men's Christian Association rooms last night was largely attended.

On Wednesday evening a party of five men, from the upper end of Allegheny, left for the Black Hills.

The Centennial summer schedule on the Pennsylvania railroad goes into effect on Sunday, the 16th inst.

There are three hundred and three practicing lawyers in this county, and still the ends of justice do not meet.

The iron mills of Dilworth, Porter & Co., and Byers, McCullough & Co., on the South side, have closed for want of work.

The hill Aldermen give as a reason for having no news, that they have been moving. Last month it was because they were going to move.

The citizens of Killbuck township vote to-morrow on the question of the division of that township. It is divided by part of the western end and call it Aleppo township

There were over 1,800 liquor licenses issued last year under the new law. The indications are now that there will be a speedy falling off in the business the present year.

Alexander Foster, jr., whose mishap on the P. & H. R. R. was mentioned in our issue yesterday, was not Alexander Foster, but Singer & Nimick's Steel works, South Side.

Among the late patents issued is one for illustrating lamp explosions, which is said to be entirely harmless. It is therefore of no consequence or use to reporters, and ought to besquelched.

It costs about seven dollars a ton to manufacture ice in Montgomery, Ala., but much less where ten ton machines are used. What is one of the big ones here and attach it to the water works?

The hearing in the case of W. B. Miller against William Seibert, the collector on the Butler plank road, whom he charges with extortion, has been postponed by Alderman D. J. Smith until next Wednesday at eleven o'clock.

A public meeting was held yesterday at Harmony, in Butler county, for the purpose of stimulating the local subscriptions necessary to completing the Pittsburgh and Northwestern Railroad between this city and Youngstown, Ohio.

Yesterday a young son of Mr. John Andrews, of Allegheny, was produced before Alderman D. B. Smith, charged by Mr. J. P. Jones, a Federal street clothier, with stealing $10 worth of cigars from Messr. Osmun on false pretenses.

The Directors of the Allegheny County Home find the appropriation for this year for their wards to be $9,000. The amount collected was $39,309.54. The members of the Board propose to borrow enough to carry the institution along until the new appropriation comes due.

Alex. Carnahan was arrested yesterday and held for trial on a charge of larceny, preferred against him before Mayor McCarthy by Moorhouse & Carsten, who allege that he stole a roll of calico from their store on the corner of Fourth avenue and Market street.

On yesterday afternoon Casper Graff was arrested on an information made against him by Officer Porter, who charged that Graff had been a clerk of the Court out of $12 from the Twenty-seventh ward school house. Graff will have a hearing before Deputy Mayor Hoerr.

Gas for the Allegheny postoffice is not included in the appropriation for the use of the building. The gas bill is added to the quarterly expense account and is always allowed. The present reign of darkness is confusing to the buildings Janitor and managed by the Government alone.

The heaters and rollers in the iron mills at New Castle are on a strike, and men are being taken from this city to supply their places. It is said that there was a fight on Federal street a few days ago, when the new importations arrived there, but that a collision was prevented by the shrewdness of the proprietors.

Henry Lewis, an old German, who claims to have been born in Bremen in 1765—just think of it—and who fought "mit Blucher" at Waterloo, applied to the Allegheny Poor Board yesterday for assistance and was told to go to Philadelphia. He was sent to the Poor Farm until his case can be investigated.

A sociable and fair will be held in Christ M. E. church, this evening, chiefly under the auspices of the young folks of the church. The building is all ready for them. Every preparation has been made for the entertainment of visitors, and those who find it possible to be in attendance, will spend an evening in a very enjoyable manner.

On Monday, March 27, a little ten year old negro girl named Edie Toller, who lives in Shaler township, at the Quarry street, Allegheny, was sent on an errand to a butcher shop, since which time nothing has been heard of her. Any information in regard to the whereabouts can be left at the office of the Allegheny Poor Directors.

Spring, gentle spring is upon us. The song of the feathered warbler is heard on every hand, while the beautiful flowers are springing up in every direction. We will see his friends, if he has any, at the hospital until his broken bones become united again. It might be mentioned in this connection that there is a new chair in the sanctum.]

Christian Franz, of whom mention was made yesterday as having been released on $2,000 bail on a charge of being an alleged "shover of the queer," claims that an error was made in naming the charge and that a prosecution of an entirely different nature has been instituted against him, and of which he is able to prove his entire innocence.

Detective Bowden, of Allegheny, yesterday returned from Steubenville, bringing with him Jas. Cummings, one of the parties charged with robbing Lorenz Walters' clothing store on Troy Hill some time ago. A hearing was had yesterday in the case before Mayor Phillips, who committed him to jail in default of $1,000 bail to await his trial in Court.

Chief Ross yesterday notified the proprietors of the faro bank at No. 65 Federal street to suspend. They heeded the advice, and closed their doors, placarding them with the usual announcement that, owing to an unexpected rush, &c. The Chief should have pulled the concern. "Clear" is also said to hold forth on Robinson street, near Sandusky.

With the advent of pleasant evenings comes the man with the lung-tester, the pulling machine and the telescope. He could be found last night on almost any corner in the city. The razor strop man and the peripatetic chiropodist will soon raise their mellifluous voices from beneath the glare of the torch, and expound in glowing terms the virtues of their wares.

Fannie Roberts, who was fined $100 and costs by the Mayor for keeping a bawdy house, and who appealed the case to Court, which tribunal decided against the Mayor and that much fined her by jury, was again arrested last night by a warrant on the same charge. She was held for trial at Court. A conviction at Court is imprisonment and fine, much heavier than that inflicted upon her by the Mayor.

Daniel Fry and Frank Wendenburgh were arrested quite early yesterday morning by officers Coulson and Carey in a very lonesome part of Elsworth avenue. They claimed to be from Philadelphia, and in their clothes were found a pair of bran new revolvers and enough ammunition to fit them for the Black Hills. Also, nine imitation diamond rings. They told a very thin story, and got thirty days each as suspicious persons.

About nine o'clock yesterday morning a brakeman on the P. Ft. W. & C. R. R. named Kidoo, attempted to get on a freight train near New Brighton, but missed his hold and fell under the train, several cars of which passed over him. His foot fell close to the rail and the flanges of the wheels passed over and crushed it. Otherwise he was uninjured. No blame was brought to his home on Sedgewick street, Allegheny.

The contract for all the work except the iron work, plumbing and furniture, on the edifice of the Second National Bank, at the corner of Liberty and Sixth street, was yesterday awarded to Wm. Boyd & Son at $24,000. The building is to be completed by the first of March next. It will be four stories high. The estimated cost is $50,000. The contract for the iron work, amounting to $16,000, has also been let, but to whom has been withheld.

Defective flues caused two alarms of fire to be turned in from the South Side yesterday morning. The first was sounded about 11 o'clock, a spark from the chimney having set fire to the roof of the house 127 Chestnut street, Sixth ward. It burned off the roof of one of George Kim's block, on Carson street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, South Side, caught from a defective flue, and for a few moments the roof blazed brightly. In both cases the damage was very trifling.

Coroner McCallin continued the inquest last night in the case of William Flocker, who was killed on the railroad a few days since. The only material evidence brought out was that of the conductor on the train, who testified positively that the victim got off the train of his own accord. Some of the people down the road are circulating rumors to the effect that he was pushed off the train, and in order to silence these the inquest was adjourned until Saturday, when they will have a chance to tell what they know about it.

The loss by the burning on Thursday night of the nail mill at Benwood, W. Va., four miles below Wheeling, was $300,000. The mill was owned by a joint stock company, of which Alex. Laughlin, Esq., is President. Their capital stock is $500,000, which includes the blast furnace at Martin's Ferry and the tenement houses in Benwood. The company estimated their mill property at one-half of their capital stock, or $250,000. The total insurance on property and stock was $100,000, in which Pittsburgh companies hold the following risks: Boatmen's, $5,000; Pennsylvania, $2,500; Citizen's, $2,500, and Monongahela $2,500.

THE COURT RECORD.

A Complete Record of the Proceedings in the Courts Yesterday.

U. S. District Court.

(*Before Judge McCandless.*)

Ahl & Co., bankrupt, Pittsburgh. Order made the resolution of composition to be recorded, the same to be binding on all the parties.

J. O. Tintsman vs. A. O. Tintsman, Fayette county. Order issued yesterday morning to show cause, granted returnable the 13th inst.

Felix Beck, bankrupt, Blair county. Order allowing the assignees to pay the Register's fees on the report adjusting liens, and fixing the 18th inst. for hearing exceptions.

John Walker, Jr., Elizabeth, Allegheny county, bankrupt. Assignee's report confirmed *nisi*, to become absolute in ten days, unless exceptions are filed.

Assignee of R. E. Winser, bankrupt, vs. George Markham. Bill in equity for injunction and